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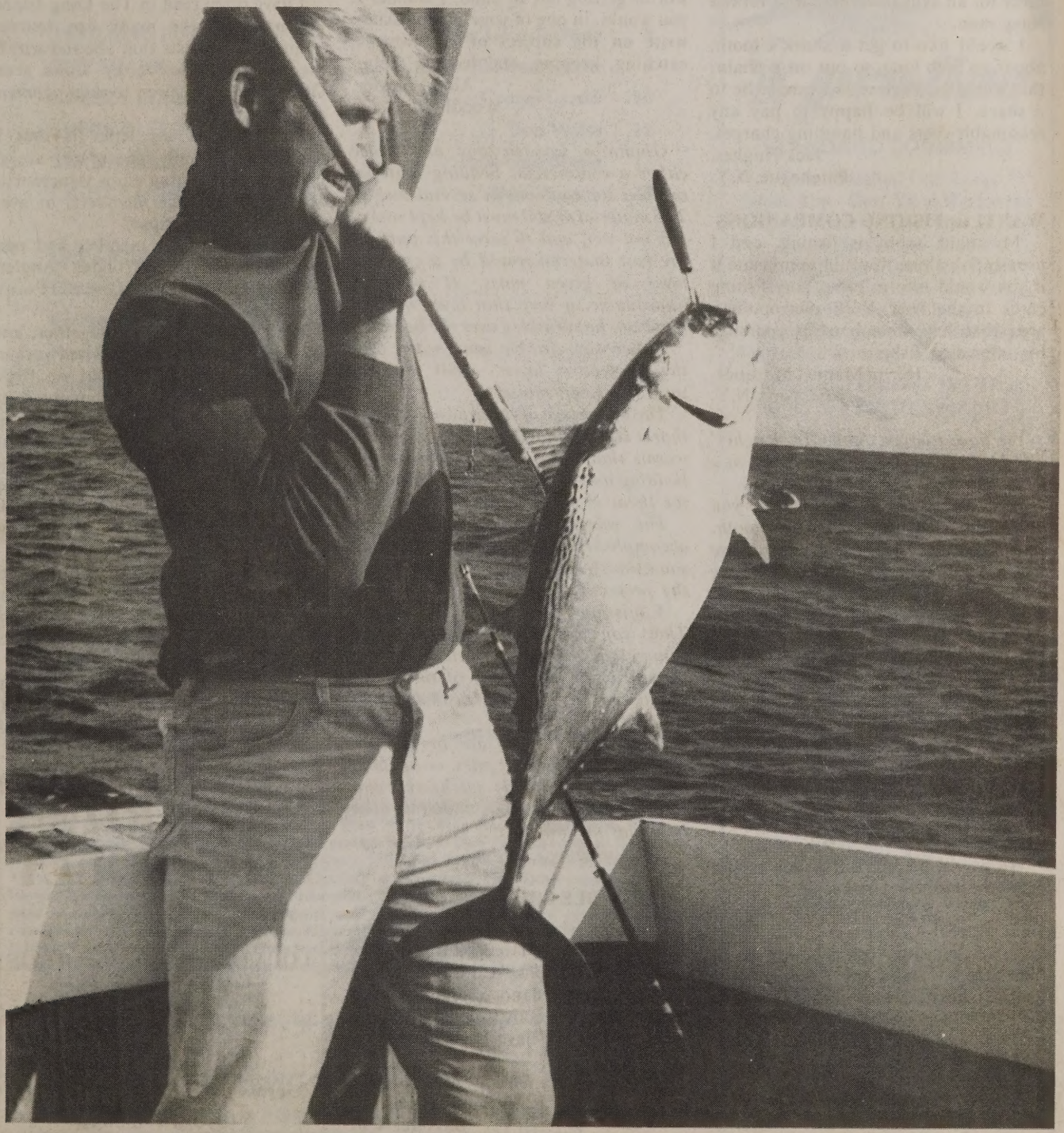

Chum Lines

SHARK'S TOOTH, ANYONE?

I wonder if you would do a small favor for an avid fisherman and retired Navy man.

I would like to get a shark's tooth, about an inch long, to put on a chain; that would be as close as I care to be to a shark. I will be happy to pay any reasonable costs and handling charges.

Jack Hughes,
Patchogue, N.Y.

WANTED: FISHING COMPANIONS

My main hobby is fishing, and I usually fish alone. I would appreciate it if you would inform me of any fishing clubs in the New York metropolitan area that have membership openings for interested fishermen.

Herlin Manuel Marquez,
New York, N.Y.

We have lumped both Mr. Hughes' and Mr. Marquez' letters together in a "help a reader" category.

To any lucky shark fisherman, if you are willing and able to spare a tooth, please contact The Fisherman and we will forward your name and telephone number (or address) to Mr. Hughes, who will then contact you to work out the details.

If there are any fishing clubs in the metropolitan area that have openings for new members, we will forward whatever information is necessary for Mr. Marquez to contact a representative.

It's your moves, people.

A BIG "THANKS"

We would be grateful if you would print the following message:

"In care of the wonderful skipper and crew of the "Phorvees", out of Port Jefferson, who, on August 7, went out of their way to assist the "Wee Bonnie Lassie": We thank you again".

Gilbert McManus and Uncle Pete,
Ronkonkoma and Maspeth, N.Y.

KEEPING WORMS GOOD

With the price of blood and sand worms getting out of hand, I wonder if you would, in one of your future issues, write on the subject of earthworms; catching, keeping, and feeding them.

Albert Ziegler,
Woodhaven, N.Y.

Obtain a wooden box and place either a commercial bedding material or good soil to depth of several inches. The material or soil must be kept moist, but not wet, and to serve this purpose the best material would be a covering layer of green moss. If moss is unavailable, a very thin layer of peat moss can be sprinkled over the bedding.

Either way, dribble some water over the protective layer - but do not saturate. Keep moist!

The advantage of the growing moss is that it can be folded back to expose the worms that will be found between the bedding and the moss. Digging around for them is not necessary.

The worms must be fed; this is accomplished most easily by scattering some moistened oatmeal over the top of the protective layer.

A missing ingredient is the worms. They can be bought cheaply from commercial suppliers listed in the classified sections of one of the major outdoor magazines, or you can dig them yourself.

Best places to dig are in manure piles, around compost piles, or in good, loamy soil. Use a pitchfork and carefully break the clods of dirt without breaking the worms.

Good digging!

TROUBLE LOCATING BOOK

Recently while reading The Long Island Fisherman I read an advertisement for a book called "Fishing Western Long Island Sound". I have tried obtaining a copy from a number of tackle stores but have been unsuccessful to date.

How can I obtain a copy of this book?

Frank Tartamella,
Bayside, N.Y.

"Fishing Western Long Island Sound", written by Ted Keatley and Fred Luks, is an excellent guide to fishing the waters from Eaton's Neck north to Connecticut, and Westward. It is published by Vernon Plains Publishers, Rm. 3B6, Overlook Rd., White Plains, N.Y.

If you contact the publisher, I'm certain there would be no problem obtaining this book.

IN ALL FAIRNESS TO LADIES...

I have often read in The Long Island Fisherman of the many fine tournaments and contests that abound within the New York - New Jersey - Conn. area. Often prizes are given to men, *women*, and children.

The point of my letter is that if fishing is a 'family' sport, why are so many private fishing clubs reluctant to allow women to be members, or even guests, on their trips?

My husband is a member and past president of the "Wonder Anglers Fishing Club" of Green Point, Brooklyn.

We both enjoy fishing together, and on many occasions have invited various members to go out with us on trips. However, in answer to my query as to why I can't go on a club trip as a paying guest, (trips on which, by the way, club members' sons as young as six—but no daughters—are allowed), the stock answer is "We don't allow women on our trips", with no further explanation given.

I am interested in knowing of other women who have had the same experience and / or if there are clubs liberal enough to think that women can join men on such outings.

Mrs. John Foley,
Astoria, N.Y.

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A chunky false albacore is brought aboard. See the article "Trolling for Alberts" by Peter Frederiksen on page 6. [Photo by Al Ristori]

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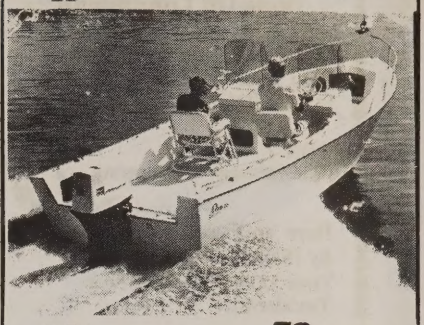

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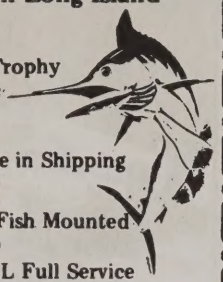

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CONTESTS & TOURNAMENTS

BABYLON SNAPPER DERBY

One thousand kids jammed The Babylon Village Dock, Saturday, Aug. 5, to compete in The Annual Snapper Derby, sponsored by The Babylon Tuna Club which furnished such prizes as bicycles, fishing tackle, and sports equipment. It was a beautiful day for Club President George Mussler and Snapper Derby Chairman Joe Cottone who ran the contest aided by Steve Pace, Al Derrice, Bill Burrelle, Weighmaster Graham Paine and many other club members. The Babylon Village Fire Dept. Rescue Squad was on hand and took at least one little girl with a snapper hook in her arm to the hospital.

To help make the derby its usual success, the Finast Supermarket donated rolls, soda and beer for the BTC workers. Shoprite Stores provided the frankfurters and Abraham & Straus donated the trophies. Ice cream for all came from Charlie Fishett's National Co., Charlies Bait & Tackle supplied tackle and chum and Booth Chevrolet made a cash donation.

Winners in The Babylon Snapper Derby sponsored by The Babylon Tuna Club. Left, Cathy Kelly with club president George Mussler. Right, Richard Goss with derby chairman Joe Cottone. Photo by Fred Guardineer.

The first place boy and girl winners were Richard Goss and Cathy Kelly with 6-1/8 ounce and 4¾ ounce snappers, respectively. Other boy winners were: Ronnie Celli, 5¾ oz.; Ernie La Faro, 5 oz.; and Douglas Dorons, 4½ oz. Additional girl winners were: Mary Ann Mrozick, 4 oz.; Adrienne Rubins, 3½ oz.; and Leona Scarella, 1-7/8 oz.

The Pie Eating Contest was won by Tony Bono followed by Virginia Gillette, Steve Lucarello and Scott Bloom.

Laura Curry won the Cracker Eating Contest followed by Wayne Grebe, Louie Tancredi and Fred Klotz.

Ricky Degenhardt won the prize for the most unusual fish, a 7 lb. 4 oz. fluke.

Other fish caught during the day-long contest included eels, weakfish, toadfish, a frozen mackerel and George Grebe's eyeglasses.

SEAFORD HARBOR ANGLERS TUNA TOURNAMENT

The Seaford Harbor Anglers are sponsoring a tuna tournament Sept. 9. It's open to clubs only with three boats per team. There's a 50-pound minimum weight for tuna entries and the weigh station will be Charvin Fishing Station, Freeport. Contact Ben Sohn's for entry blanks. Seaford Harbor Anglers, Box 716, Seaford, L.I., N.Y. 11783.

1973 RHODE ISLAND FISHING TOURNAMENTS

September 1-3 — 16th Annual Rhode Island Tuna Tournament; 8 a.m. — 4 p.m.; Galilee.

October 5-7 — Rhody Fly Rodders 6th Annual Invitational Fly Rod Striper Seminar, Newport.

October 6-14 — 11th Annual Rhode Island Striper Tournament; Port O' Call Marina, Newport.

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Tuesday, Sept. 18, 1973
Main Hearing Room
Suffolk County Center, Veterans Hwy
Hauppauge, New York

The Following Topics Will Be Discussed:

1. The problems concerning public use of ecologically fragile areas.
2. Program planning for such areas.
3. Planning for environmental education centers.
4. Usage by sportsmen and recreational groups.
5. Security of the properties.
6. Financial requirement.
7. Planning of specific areas:
   A. Connetquot Park
   B. Caumsett Park
   C. Nissequoque Park
   D. Brookhaven Park
   E. Planting Fields Arboretum
   F. Others
8. Acquiring of other parcels for future park use.
9. Legislative proposals.

All persons attending will please register at the door and indicate whether they wish to testify. It will be helpful if at least five (5) copies of prepared testimony are submitted to the committee at the hearing. Kindly limit oral testimony to 10 minutes.

Bernard C. Smith
Chairman, Senate Committee
On Conservation and Recreation

FREE BOATING COURSES AVAILABLE

Fishing and pleasure boatmen are related, and as such, each must learn to respect one another's sport. I've witnessed many incidents of misconduct on the part of both; pleasure craft zooming by at top speed creating huge wakes causing small fishing boats to bob like corks, and fishing boats trolling in a crowded area with several hundred feet of line dragging behind in disregard of the pleasure boatmen.

From my own experience, I found the solution to this was boating education. I registered in a boating course offered free of charge by the Bronx Power Squadron. The lesson learned was three-fold; Courtesy, Rules of the Road and Charting. I since have taken several advanced courses; Seamanship and Advanced Piloting, as well as elective courses in Marine Electronics, Engine Maintenance and Weather.

One of your readers in the August 16th issue inquired about boating courses available in his area. To him and others interested in boating education, the United States Power Squadrons, of which there are about 400 units throughout the U.S. and its possessions, conduct Spring and Fall Classes (usually in mid-January and mid-September), one night a week for 12 weeks.

For details and information as to location of a squadron near one's home, dial the toll free number; (800) 243-6000 (in Conn. only one (800) 882-6500.

Lt. Vincent J. Pacione, AP
Public Relations Officer
Bronx Power Squadron

SQUADRON ANGLERS ANNUAL FISHING COURSE

The annual fishing course sponsored by the Squadron Anglers of Seaford will open on Tuesday, September 11, at 8 p.m. with registration at Seaford High School, Seaman's Neck Road, east of the Oyster Bay Expressway between Sunrise Highway and Merrick Road.

The course will take six weeks and the cost is $10. The class will meet each Tuesday at the high school and will cover all aspects of ocean and bay fishing, from sinker-bouncing for flounders to chumming for giant tuna and shark.

Local professionals, such as Al Benson, Frank De Gaetano, and Al Neaman, and club experts, such as Capt. Bill McFarland and Jack Carroll, are scheduled to lecture. They will discuss such topics as surf fishing and chumming for stripers, where to find snowshoe flounders, fishing for shark and giant tuna, and rigs and knots among others.

Classes are open to women and children 14 and over.

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TROLLING for Alberts

by Peter J. Frederiksen

What would you call a fish that averages about ten pounds, can be caught with a minimum of fuss and bother and offers a sturdy battle and excitement galore? Try false albacore!

Locally called albacore, the little tuna (or false albacore) is a troller's delight. A chunky, dogged fighter, the false albacore invades the waters off New York and New Jersey each season.

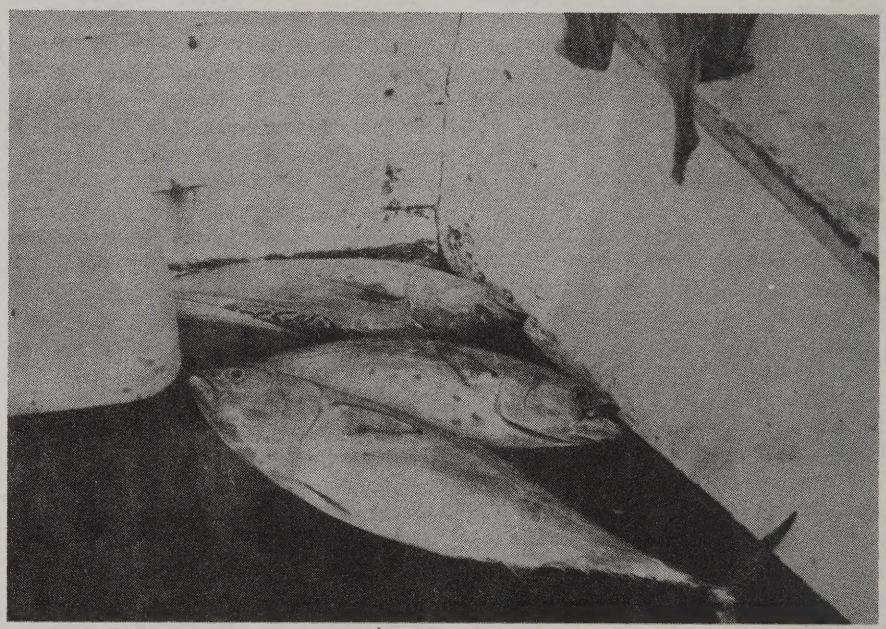
While sometimes captured accidentally on a baited butterfish hook in a giant tuna chum slick, the false albacore takes over in the troller's foaming wake sometime near the end of August. Very often they will be caught while trolling for school tuna, but concentrating on the "alberts" is highly rewarding in itself.

Imagine four or five rods buckling in unison as the reel drags sing in harmony. Lures which were only a few feet behind the stern are now firmly embedded in the bony mouths of a fish Hell-bent on reaching the other side of the ocean. You try hard to keep the fish separated but often the false albacore try harder; a fish may be lost but it does not matter, for you will find the school again!

Trolling offers the most exciting and productive way to cash in on false albacore. Since the fish is constantly in motion, trolling enables you to keep up with the fish as well as covering more territory.

Many anglers get their first taste of false albacore action while trolling on a charter boat. Unfortunately, it is not uncommon for charter boat false albacore tackle to be in the 80 lb. class. While this leaves little in the way of sport, a hardy false albacore is still no slouch.

In defense of the charter boat, however, I must point out that many skippers are forced to produce huge catches to satisfy hungry customers. Heavy tackle is not only less likely to break under daily strain, but also enables the charter boat skipper to drag his first few albacore which usually results in loading up the lines. After a couple of successful passes, some customers can be talked into using lighter gear which is better for everyone.



False Albacore: The trollers' delight.

The false albacore that frequent this area rarely approach the twenty pound mark and most run between eight and fourteen pounds. With the emphasis on sport, the basic trolling tackle is in the 20 lb. class. I also like to fish a 30 lb. outfit in case a husky tuna takes an interest in my offerings. Of course, when using light tackle it is of paramount importance to have the gear in perfect condition. The false albacore may not win a prize for weight, but on light gear the fish will show you what, if anything, is wrong with your reel: that first run is usually a zinger! Thumbs off the spool is the rule.

A twelve to fifteen foot stainless steel wire leader is standard for trolling false albacore. The more popular sizes are #7, which tests at 69 lbs. and #8, which tests at 84 lbs. The actual breaking strength of the wire can be misleading because more often than not, a wire leader parts from a kink rather than from actual strain. Check the leaders often because once kinked, the leader will neither troll properly nor can be depended upon to withstand any amount of strain. Incidentally, I save my kinked leaders to use on chumming bluefish hooks. I simply cut off as much as I can from around the kinked area because that wire is perfect for the toothy blues.

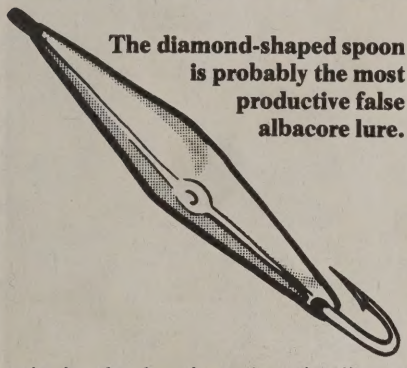
Preventing the wire leader from kinking is not difficult, it just takes a while to get used to the feel of it. But when fish start coming aboard, it is very easy for a leader to become kinked in the excitement. Wire is most vulnerable lying on the deck when unhooking a fish. Pay particular attention to avoid stepping on it or getting it wrapped around something in the cockpit. This mishandling also shortens the life of a leader. If there is any doubt about the wire, change it and be sure.

Monofilament can also be used for leaders and some anglers prefer it to wire. Monofilament in the fifty pound test class is fine because it gives ease of handling as well as strength. As a rule I keep several leaders of both materials handy. If the false albacore want wire instead of mono, I'm ready.

Lure selection for false albacore is simple—employ the same lures used for tuna. Feathers, bones, cedar plugs and

spoons are especially effective on false albacore. When trolling exclusively for false albacore, I almost always finally resort to fishing five or six spoons. Sometimes, if I know tuna or other good fish are definitely in the area, I'll fish five spoons and a feather or perhaps a bone. I like to leave one line open to experiment because this will often pay off with a nice tuna or dolphin.

Swivels are very important when trolling false albacore. Since the spoons



The diamond-shaped spoon is probably the most productive false albacore lure.

spin in the boat's wake, the line will twist terribly unless there is a swivel to relieve the tension. I prefer a ball bearing swivel on the terminal end of the line, and an additional swivel attached to the end of the leader. The haywire twist is used to connect the spoon or bone to the leader, and a doubles variation of the improved clinch knot is the best connection when using monofilament.

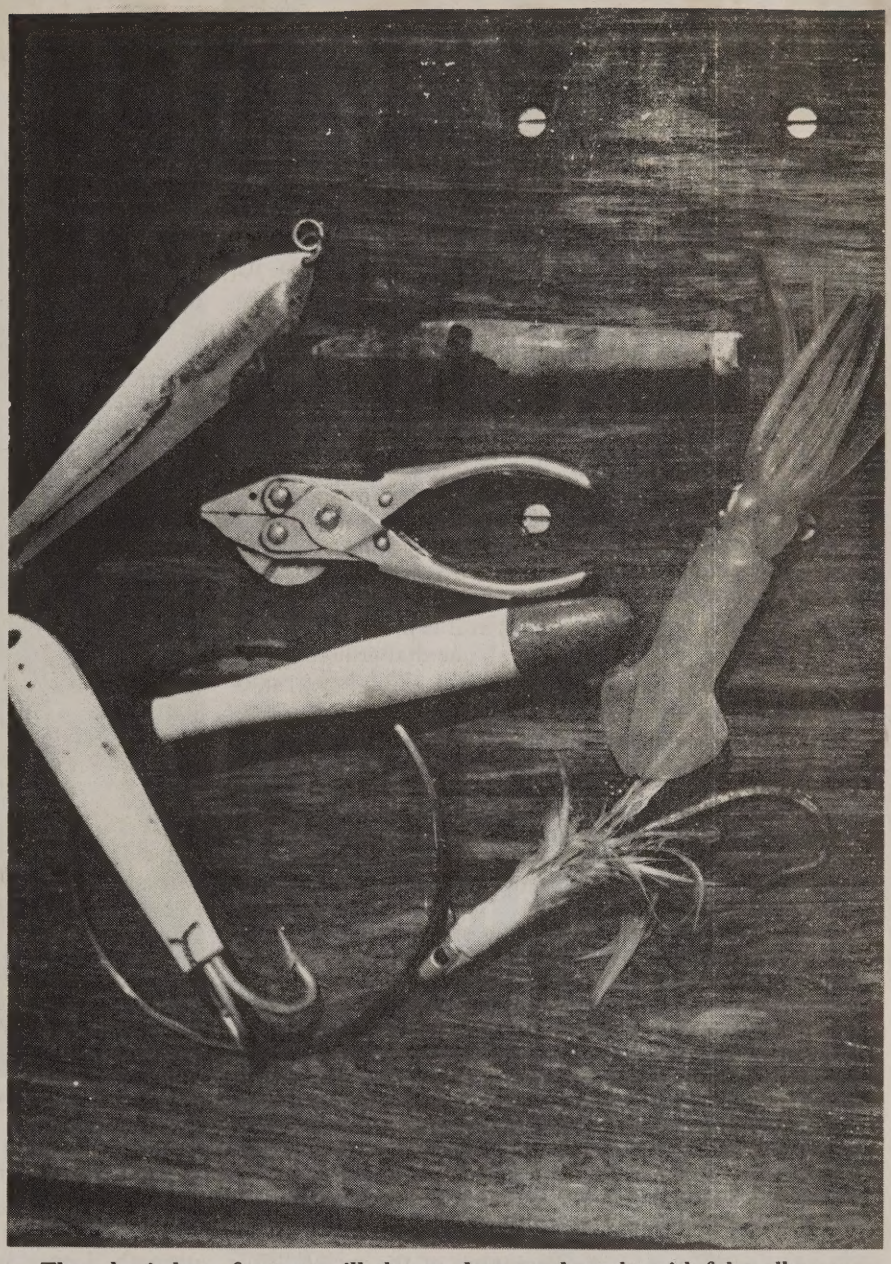
Trolling weights are necessary when using spoons and bones; they will leave the water occasionally when trolled unless weights are used to keep the lures out of the air and in the brine.

A four-ounce trolling lead is adequate for normal trolling conditions, but when the sea kicks up it may be necessary to go to leads as heavy as six or eight ounces. Use your own discretion here. If the lures do not look right in the wake, add a little more lead. By varying the amount of weight, you will soon find the exact trolling weight you need under each different set of conditions.

The trolling speed for false albacore will vary from boat to boat: one rig I used to fish would troll false albacore like crazy somewhere between my tuna and bonito speed. Whatever the correct speed for your boat, you will most likely have a good, foaming wake.

If I'm fishing six lines, as I normally do, I'll put two short lines in the first wake, a pair of flat lines near the second wake, and fish my outriggers eighty to a hundred feet back. This arrangement not only produces fish but enables me to maneuver my boat without fear of tangling up the lines. As it is not unusual for several false albacore to strike at once, it is helpful to know exactly the position of the lures in relation to one another. False albacore hook themselves but they have a tendency to scatter the moment they strike.

When fishing lighter tackle it is important, naturally, to keep the fish from crossing, or you'll run the risk of having the monofilament severed. Be prepared to hustle in the cockpit or it will be another one that got away!



These basic lures for tuna will also produce good results with false albacore.

False albacore provide a lot of excitement at the end of a line and have forced many an angler to break out the rubbing alcohol after a day's fishing.

Because of their dark, red meat, false albacore possess a definite fishy taste and have a mixed rating as table fare. For this reason, I release every false albacore I catch unless I know its use is guaranteed. The three false albacore in the picture, for example, spent some time with my taxidermist.

So, when the false albacore arrive later this summer, give them a try. You'll be happy you did!

The SHARK

by Bill Bornscheur

A long, gray form slipped silently through a blue sea, its body swaying with a gentle, but powerful rythm. Its head was spread out in both directions from the body.

The Hammerhead surged toward the surface, made one quick pass around the boat, its eye staring at us, and dropped back into the liquid depths of the sea. The entire scene lasted but a few seconds but remains clear in my memory: it was the first shark I had ever seen.

No, we didn't catch that shark, nor the second Hammerhead that deciphered the source of our bunker slick. What we had was a close look at a legend, and the subject of conversation by every fisherman and diver at one time or another.

Just what is a shark? It is a fish, but it is much more than that. The shark is a primitive animal, one that cruised in the sea some 350 million years ago. Sharks have no bones, only cartilage, which is much more elastic than bone. At stress points, their cartilage is reinforced with interlocking plates made from phosphates and carbonates (minerals).

Mother Nature has constructed her ocean terror superbly, giving it strength, a fabulous sense of smell, an uncanny ability to locate vibrations, and a set of teeth that would make a dentist trembly, for sharks, after losing a tooth, promptly grow a new one.

In the waters off Long Island the shark is at home. He prowls the sea in large numbers, and sometimes investigates our shallow bays by swimming around the docks from which people are crabbing.

Generally, people never see a shark, but he is there just the same. Most of the time the shark minds his own business, but the question of shark attack is always a matter of controversy. Sharks do attack humans every year, and kill a few in the process: the legends of shark attack are too numerous to discuss here.

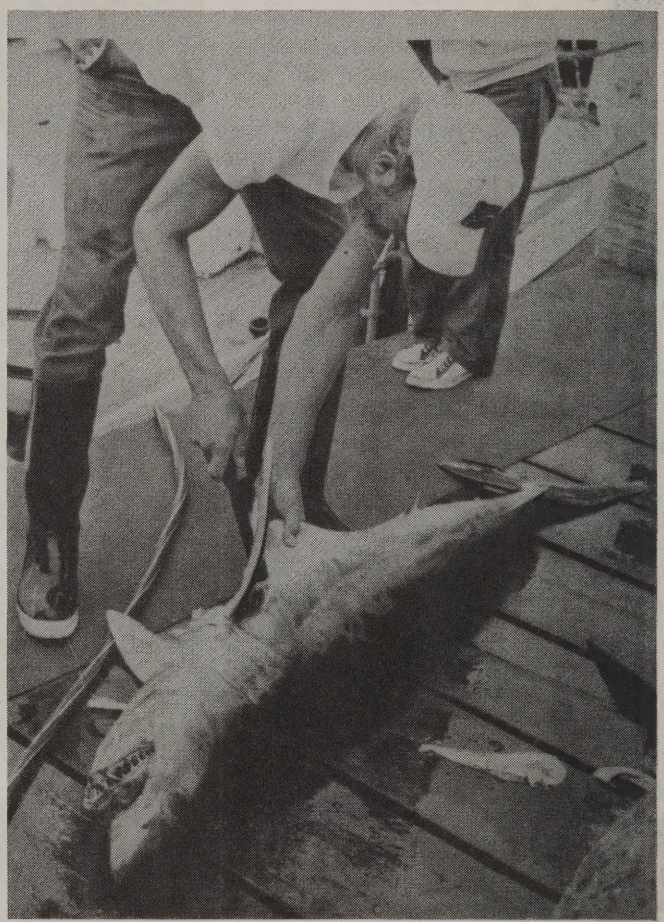
One of the most feared members of the shark family is the White shark (**Carcharodon carcharias**). This is the brute pictured in still shots at the beginning of the movie "Blue Water-White Death", and was taken at Montauk,Long Island.

Whites grow to 36 feet in length, and probably more, but no one knows for sure. Fossilized teeth from the White's relative,**Carcharodon megalodon**, shows it reached huge proportions and weighed in the neighborhood of 50 tons!

Today's White sharks are also heavy; one captured off Cuba tipped the scales at 7,302 lbs. A fish this size eats most anything it wants.

Sharks prowl many areas of the world but seem to enjoy the tropical seas best, with Africa and Australia getting the largest population. Whites do inhabit the Long Island area, and already this year fishermen have taken a few.

The whale shark is the largest of the sharks, and may reach 60 feet or more in length, but he is a gentle giant. This shark is a plankton feeder and strains the water by using its small, numerous teeth and sieve-like gill rakers. The whale shark is pelagic, and prefers to roam tropical seas. Scuba divers have found these placid monsters a real treat to photograph and frequently "hitch" a ride on the huge dorsal fin.



A mate begins to steak-out a Mako shark.

The Mako shark, or sharp-nosed mackerel shark, is truly a game fish. Hooked, it is a fantastic jumper with a tremendous strength. I once saw one taken that weighed 202 pounds. Upon being brought to the boat, it was promptly shot in the head with a slug from a 12 gauge shotgun. Immediately, this fish went crazy, leaping about the surface of the ocean; it was so strong it seemed to explode from the water in a mass of spray. It continued fighting for another 15 minutes before it was killed.

To jump, a fish like this needs a starting velocity in excess of 22 miles per hour. The mako is capable of these feats because it apparently has warm muscles which allow the transmission of nerve impulses. Makos feed on the ocean's track stars, tunas and bonitos, fish that can, in bursts of speed, reach 43 miles per hour. Mako sharks attain large size, and I believe the current I.G.F.A. all-tackle Mako is over 1,000 lbs.

Most people will not eat the flesh of a shark, the reason being that people associate the shark with its reputed habit of dining on rotten meat, garbage or human flesh. The fact is, shark meat is nutritious, cheap and often as good as

swordfish, especially in the case of the mako. The quick-to-improve Japanese eat sharks with gusto, preparing it in the form of delicious fish cakes. In Europe, sharks (dogfish) are eaten by the millions. It goes by the name "Fish & Chips".

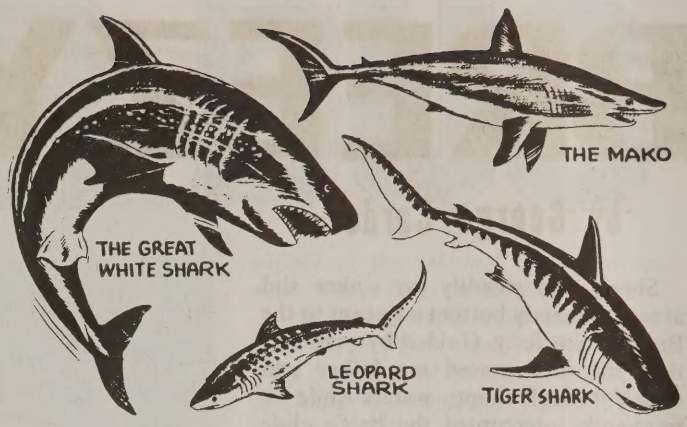
Years ago, people on Long Island wouldn't think of eating a blowfish, but today it is eagerly eaten as "Chicken of the Sea". People are even discovering the ugly sea robin as a good food fish....In future years, I won't be surprised if more and more people discover the shark as a good food fish, especially with prices being what they are.

Man has been baffled by many aspects of shark behavior, but he has made some inroads in this quest, although a completely efficient shark repellent has yet to be found. Various tests conducted with sharks show some hate the shock of an electric probe while others enjoy the sensation, and repeatedly come back for more. Bubble screens are effective for a short time, but once one brave shark darts through, all others will follow.

One good method of protection for large numbers of bathers is the use of shark nets. These nets are widely used in Australia where sharks are particularly aggressive. Nigrosine dye repels some sharks but the nurse shark (a dangerous species) is completely uneffected.

To date, the most effective method of shark deterrent is the "Blackbag", a simple black plastic bag with buoyancy rings. This bag attaches to a life jacket, fills with water, and the person remains inside. The bag prevents blood from leaking out and helps retain body heat.

In distant lands people relate to the shark in a very different manner. In Ceylon, pearl divers rely on "shark



charmer" whose presence, alone, they believe will be respected by the sharks. Personally, I put my faith in a bangstick, or shark probe.

Jacques Cousteau calls the shark the "splendid savage of the sea". The shark has no natural enemies, but I imagine killer whales prey upon them on occasion. Man takes some sharks for food, but the toll is light.

Lately, many adventurous fisherman are heading offshore to become involved in this business of shark fishing. They realize the shark represents a real challenge, and an opportunity to fight a fish much stronger than any man.

Whatever you think of him, he is a strange creature of the sea, one that has survived millions of years and one that will probably remain long after man had departed. The shark, perfectly adapted for life at sea, remains the impeccable killer with fins.

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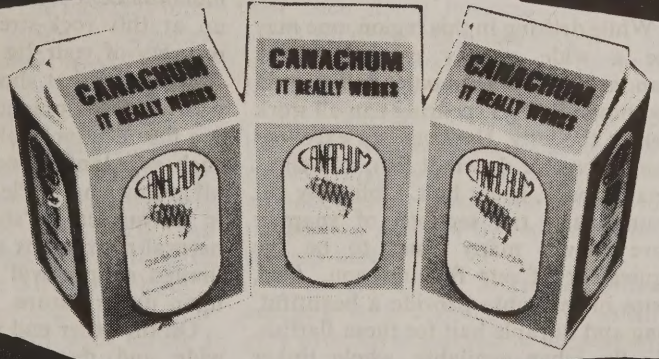

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BREEZY FLUKE

by George Cardel

Slowly and steadily my sinker slid across the sandy bottom adjacent to the Breezy Point Jetty. Guided by wind and tide, the skiff moved my father and myself through choppy waters while we frequently interrupted the bait's glide off the bottom with a jounce and a bounce.

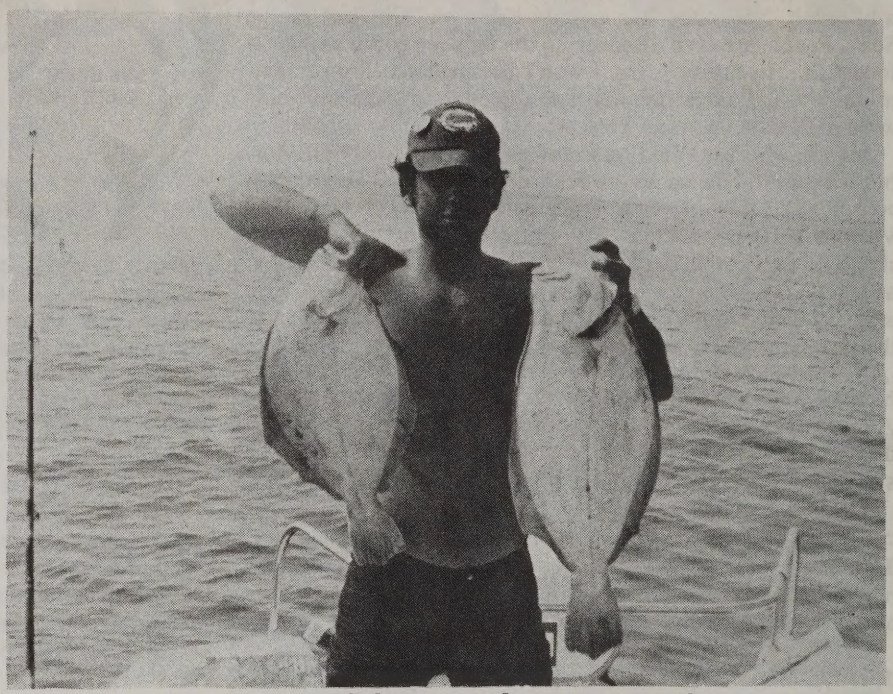
In a matter of moments, that familiar, nibbling sensation of a fluke pick-up was sensed; I threw the reel into free spool and counted deliberately to myself: one...two...three. My thumb halted the retreat of the monofilament as I brought the rod back.

There he was! Cranking up my line along a jittery rod, I smugly glanced sideways, only to discover my father releasing his spool. With a sharp, steady lift, he also became involved in tussling with a fighting fluke. After being led into the net, the two fluke were brought aboard the skiff, where they continued their argument by slapping and pounding the floorboards with their gleaming, wide torsos.

Following my threading of more cut bait onto the hook, and lowering it to the bottom, the jiggled meat was almost immediately seized again. While changing my rod into a kind of fluke divining rod, pointing and dipping towards the productive grounds, the fish struggled all the way in-even while being led into the net, where he threw the bait furiously from the hook. Another nice fluke had found its way into our skiff.

This hectic type of fishing lasted through the beginning part of the outgoing tide with the remainder of the outgoing producing activity reduced to a slower, but continuous, pace! Later, a few hours effort showed fourteen fluke to keep, with many additional fish being throw-backs.

In the last summer weeks, fluke tend to congregate along the Breezy Point Jetty at Rockaway, New York during their annual migration oceanward. Being there at this time will bring almost assured results. The thing to note is that the fish are not just of one size class, but range in size from throwbacks to the occasional doormat of greater than ten pounds. Thus, the fisherman's interest is held not only by good activity, but also by the possibility of good sized fish to be caught. Another great aspect of this fluking has to be its accessibility for city, and near-city, residents.



Late summer fluking can be very successful.

While drifting in this region, one may use a wide variety of baits. The standard killie, the popular killie-squid combination, and spearing can all work well at the jetty. However, an excellent enticement for doormat fish, as well as smaller ones, is cut bait. Obliquely cut chunks and tail sections of snapper have proven many times to be the equivalent of our filet mignon. Also, strips of sea robin provide a beautiful, long and durable bait for these flatfish. Finally, when available, whole tinker mackerel, hooked through the lower and upper lips, display long, narrow and tasty morsels to the fluke.

The recommended equipment for this fishing consists of a medium action boat rod, five to six feet long, equipped with a conventional reel filled with fifteen to twenty pound test line. Conventional equipment is preferred over spinning in this area; while drifting the larger cut baits, free spool action and engagement of gears are easily performed when allowing the fluke time to swallow your offering.

My bottom rig consists of a 2/0 or 3/0 Sproat h.p. hook, attached to a 20 lb. test leader, along with a sinker which hangs six to eight inches below the three-way swivel. The sinker connection should be made with a lighter test monofilament so that in case of a hang up at this rock-strewn point, partial recovery of your rig will be possible.

One item that should always appear with your equipment for any fluke trip is a fourteen inch ruler, or some object, such as a landing net handle, marked off at this length. Please act responsibly in the matter of "short" fluke so that natural restrictions on fluke, due to a limited supply, will never be imposed upon us by nature.

On the other end of the scale, a very wide and deep landing net should always be carried along for those occasional doormats. Otherwise, you might find yourself asking how does one land a frantically splashing fish in a net lacking in size?

Other possible fluke accessories include a hook disgorger, tinker tubes in case of mackerel, a live bucket - if you care to keep the macks alive for bait, an ample supply of extra rigs, and a fish-finder rig (sometimes fluke are harder to hook than many other fish).

As for the exact whereabouts in drifting for these fluke, the productive

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SUPER BUG

by Don Vetter

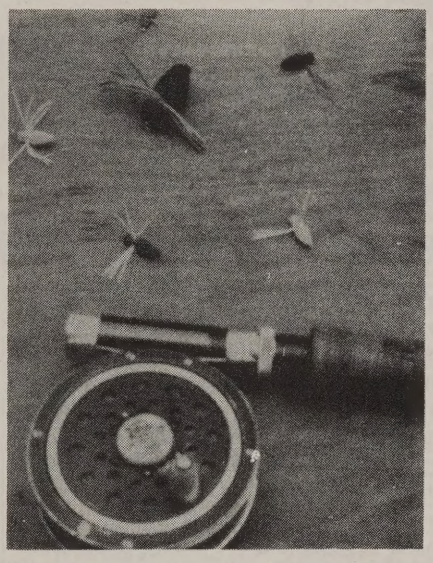
Those lifelike plastic lures, which have adorned the display cards of many a tackle shop for some years, enjoyed an upswing in vogue following the phenomenal success of the plastic worm. There are even soft plastic plugs available which duplicate, in style and action, their "hard" counterparts and progenitors.

That the majority of these lures never achieved the popularity of the now ubiquitous worm is easy to explain: they simply do not produce that much better than those older lures from which they were derived. The plastic worm represented an entirely new concept, when fished properly, rather than a mere "soft" imitation of some lure of conventional material which had been in service over the years.

Human nature being what it is, I must confess to having succumbed to the look and feel of many of these plastic lures, and have everything from an exact plastic duplication of a stonefly nymph to equally lifelike fake crawdads and frogs. The fact that most of these lures now reside in forgotten corners of attic-stored tackle boxes, gathering dust (or dissolving into a semi-liquid mess, when deposited in plastic lure boxes), is a monument to my folly in that what looks good to the fishermen may not be particularly appealing to the fish. All the aforementioned foolers had one thing in common: they were SINKING lures.

There is but one "soft" lure (aside from the plastic worm) with which I have had any exceptional results, and in the case of this particular lure the results have been exceptional indeed. The lure in question is a sponge rubber bodied bug or spider, with fine, sensitive rubber legs that respond to the slightest twitch of the rod tip. This floating bug has proved, over the years, to be the most effective panfish lure I have ever employed with a fly rod.

Referred to as a rubber water cricket (dry fly - size #10), the only manufacturer I knew of which produced this type of bug was William Mills & Son, of 24 Park Place in New York City. When an order placed by



The homemade, black super bug, surrounded by the smaller originals.

yours truly last fall failed to elicit any response, I had my dad (who works in the City) check into the matter, and my worst fears were realized; the concern was no longer there! That a firm which had been doing business since 1822 could suddenly evaporate into thin air seemed inconceivable to me at the time, but that seemed to be the case.

Since attrition, in the form of tree limbs and various other hang-ups, had reduced my supply of the bug to two well-chewed specimens, the outlook for the coming season's fly rod panfishing seemed bleak.

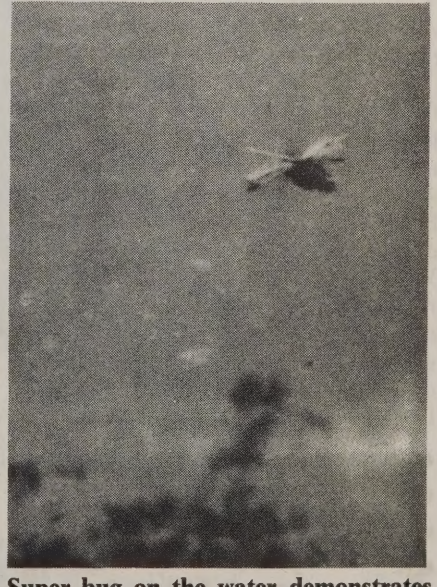
I asked Dick Mermon, whose contacts with regional tackle outfits gave promise of success, to keep an eye out for anything resembling THE bug, and the great hunt was on. Though Dick was unable to turn up the genuine article, he went one better by providing me with a slab of the material from which the bugs are made; a one foot square of black sponge rubber, about an inch in thickness, with some sort of non-porous backing which accounts for its floatability.

Then in mid-April, just as I was about to try my meager fly tying skills on the slab of foam, my order of bugs belatedly arrived. William Mills & Son had moved to 73 Main Street, Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. 10522. Having a fresh supply of the original item at hand, what was I to do with that foam?

I decided to experiment with making a few larger, bass-sized versions of the bug. Although Mills makes a bass bug of similar construction, it is a wet fly type, rather than the floater I was after. The bug is made in several colors (green, yellow, etc.), but the black had always been the most effective, and since I had often taken small (and some not so small) largemouths on the smaller bugs while fishing for bluegills, I figured I just might come up with an outstanding bass bug.

I shaped the foam into bug-like conformation with a razor blade, then inserted a 3/0 hook, just above the backing. Some cut up rubber bands completed the job, and I had a larger, if much more crude version of the original. Trying my creation on a nearby (and bassless) pond, to observe the action, I quickly realized that I had erred in that the rubber band legs were much too thick to produce the quivering effect I sought. Some bands of finer rubber soon corrected this flaw, and I was ready to give the bug a workout on a real bass water.

The wind resistance of the big bug precluded the use of a light outfit, so I went with the big eight and a half foot



Super bug on the water demonstrates its natural appearance.

bass rod, with a WF8F line. The bug settled softly on the water, next to an old stump, and was inhaled so quickly by a small bass that I struck late. The little largemouth was still on however, and in fact so deeply hooked I had to employ the hook disgorger to effect his release.

This sequence of events set me to thinking of experiences I had had while panfishing with the smaller bugs. Since a bluegill must be struck much more slowly than a bass, as they do not hit with the wreckless abandon of the largemouth, such bass as had taken the little bugs were invariably struck late, and hooked deep in the mouth.

In order to prove (or disprove) my emerging theory, I deliberately delayed striking the next few bass which hit the bug. Sure enough, they hung on to the offering; even running far enough to feel the surface tension of the heavy fly line did not deter them. Every hit was a fish landed, and the old saying about "striking a bass a shade sooner than instantly" was out the window; here was a surface bug with such a natural feel, the bass did not eject it.

Since striking a fish too soon or too late are the most common errors a novice fly rod bass fisherman makes with top water bugs, this could be a real boon to the beginner; a lure that can compensate for errors in judgement. The resiliency of the sponge rubber, as opposed to the unyielding cork or plastic bodied poppers, allows a bass to feel he has a hold of something edible, in much the same manner as the plastic worm; the fish can be allowed to run a bit, as if he had taken a live bait.

With its natural appearance on the water, the vibrant action of those rubber band legs at the slightest twitch of the rod tip, and the willingness of bass to hold on to it once they take, this bug will probably become a mainstay in my future fly rod efforts. It makes little sense to carry boxes full of lures which have proven of dubious value when you can get by with one to two winners. What Mr. largemouth sees the bug as a representation of makes but little difference, as long as he is willing to grab it. Perhaps he asks himself: is it a drowning bumble bee? A locust? A huge beetle? No, it's super bug!

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area includes the entire length of the jetty, from close in to several hundred feet off, depending on the tidal stage. As the days of the migration wear on, drifting becomes more productive at the very point.

At the peak of the late summer run, start drifting just inside the point, then allow your boat to pass between the point and the buoy and continue drifting till the action slows. Many times you will find yourself leaning into the fluke quite a distance off the point.

When you first latch into a fish, catch sight of some object along the jetty in order to begin your next drift in the same region.

While drifting at the very point and beyond, it is also quite possible to pick up other species during this time of the year; bluefish and striped bass are not above tackling your cut bait, and whole mackerel.

One word of caution at this point must be stressed. During windy weather, the waters of the jetty have been responsible for many a capsized boat, so respect for the waves and current is of the utmost necessity. Consult a weather forecast and be on the weather alert while fishing.

Also, a word should go out to the larger boat owners in this area to moderate their speed when underway, since their large wakes have all too often caused upsetting experiences to the small boatman. Remember that you are legally responsible for any damage done by your wake.

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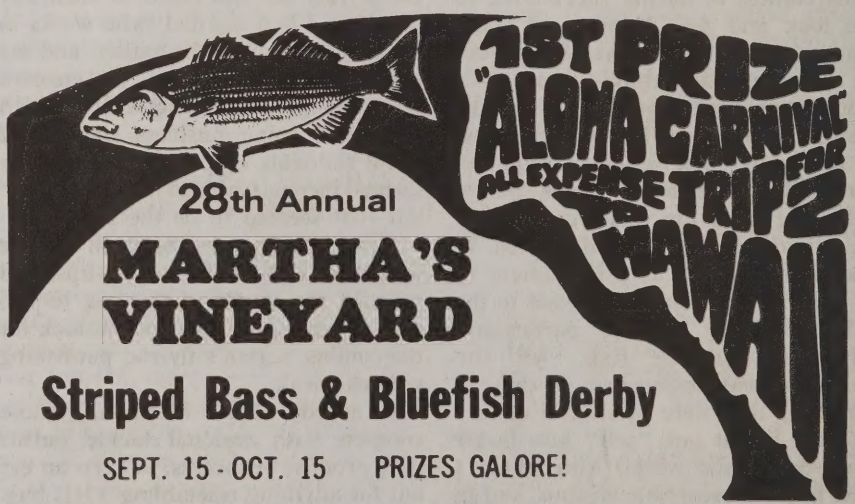

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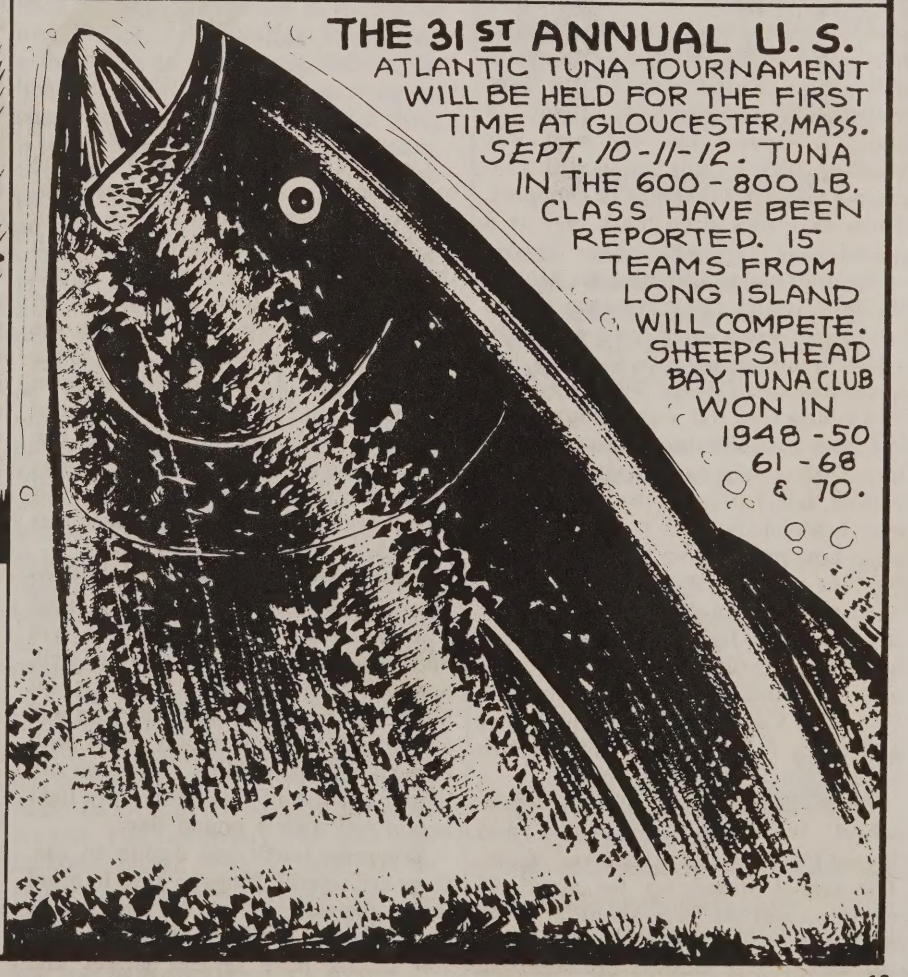

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Light Tackling BLUEFISH

by Ron Onorato

The surface of the Sound was flat as the Whaler sped out of Hempstead Harbor. It was early September, and the morning was crisp and cool. We were about a mile or so north of Matinecock Point when we first spotted a group of birds wheeling and diving over a small patch of water. George Oliver, the skipper for the day, grabbed a pair of binoculars and shouted "There's a ton of fish under those birds." With that, the outboard was throttled to full speed and we flew out towards mid-Sound.

Since it was early in the morning and a weekday, there were no other boats racing towards this school of blues. "We've got these fish all to ourselves," I shouted. Since there was really no wind to contend with, all we had to do was to pull within casting range of the fish. Although we were doing about 25 knots, it seemed like the boat was standing still. Finally we pulled into casting range of the school of choppers. These were nice sized blues of 7 or 8 pounds.

We each had rigged our rods back at the dock, so all we had to do was to cast to the fish. I was using a 6½ foot light action spinning rod with 6 pound test monofilament. George was using a 7 foot light action rod with 8 pound line. We both cast simultaneously, and the lures landed right into the middle of the boiling fish. I popped the popper just once before a slammer banged into the plug. Line pulled from the spool as the big blue made a powerful run; George was similarly engaged in fighting a fish. Because of the light line, I had a fairly loose drag. Eventually the fish tired, and I grabbed the gaff and stuck the fish. Since George's fish was close by, I gaffed his fish, too. Both of the fish were about 8 pounds in weight.

By this time, we had drifted out of the school. We cranked the motor and began the whole process over again. The school stayed up for about 45 minutes, and we had about a dozen blues in the boat. We continued fishing the school that popped up here and there every few minutes, and we released those blues that were not seriously injured. By mid morning we called it day and headed back to the ramp. It was a fine day's sport that would be remembered for a long time.

Light-tackling bluefish is one of the most enjoyable ways to tackle these fish. Each year when these fish show up in the Sound, there is a clamor to catch them. Trolling is the best way to get these fish, since they spend most of their time in deep water during the months of July and August. They make occasional forays to the surface at dawn and dusk, but just for short periods of time. As September arrives, the fish feed actively on the surface, and all-day blitzes are not uncommon. It is at this time that the light tackle enthusiast gets a crack at some nice-sized fish.

I like to use a light action rod of 6½ feet in length with a matching reel filled with 6 pound line. This outfit will handle ½ to ¾ ounce lures rather well. Some fishermen prefer to go a bit heavier to be on the safe side and will use a light-medium action outfit with either 8 or 10 pound line. Others go still lighter and use a 5½ or 6 foot ultra light action rod with 4 pound line.

Whatever outfit you decide to use, there are several things to keep in mind when choosing an outfit. Make sure that it is top quality equipment. The rod should have smooth guides and ideally be of one piece in construction. I have seen too many two-piece rods break at the ferrule to suit me.

The reel is even more important. It should have a very smooth drag. If the reel has a jerky drag, there is a chance that the line may snap any time the fish makes a run. Monofilament should be also of the best quality. Forget about the cheap bargain basement line that they sell at the 5 & 10 and get top quality line. If you go cheaply, then you will be donating a lot of plugs to the bluefish.

There are a wide variety of lures that can be used for casting to the surface-feeding bluefish. The most popular types are popping plugs in weights ranging from ½ to ¾ ounce. Any small metal lure such as the Hopkin's or Kastmaster will also work well on these fish. The small Rebel plugs are yet another type of lure that has been consistantly successful. In fact, almost any small lure can be considered as good on these fish.

Because of the dentures on a bluefish, it is usually necessary to use a small wire leader ahead of the lure to prevent the fish from cutting it off. A 6 or 9 inch trace of 15 or 20 pound nylon-coated wire leader is the most popular to use. You can buy the leaders ready made, or you can make your own. Make sure that the leader has a swivel on one end, and a snap on the other. The snap allows for the quick changing of lures when necessary.

You're all set now in the way of tackle. There are other things that are required—if you really want to do a job on these fish. A fast boat is good, but the average fisherman doesn't have such a boat. Most anglers are relegated to the use of small skiffs and small kickers. Despite the disadvantage of being in a slow boat, you can still circumvent the problem by a little maneuvering.

You obviously can't compete with a fast boat from a slow boat, so there are two things to do when seeking out the bluefish schools. When you see a school

The author hangs on as a bluefish makes a sizzling run.

of fish, head for them. By the time you get there the other boats will have put the fish down. After they have landed any fish they may have had on, they will resume the chase. The best thing for you to do is to wait in the vicinity where the fish sounded. As the other boats clear away, more often than not, the fish will reappear in the general area in which they last appeared. You just have to wait the fish out.

The other method calls for placing the boat ahead of a school of fish. When you see a school of fish, try to ascertain the direction in which they are traveling. If they pop up to the west, go down and then come up even further west. Pull your boat a little bit ahead of where the fish showed and wait it out. If you are lucky, the fish can pop up anywhere around your boat, and you will be the first boat to get a shot at them.

If you do not have sharp vision, then a pair of field glasses are in order. Although birds usually indicate the presence of fish, there are times when blues will be swirling on the surface and there will be no birds in sight. One other necessary piece of equipment that is required is a good gaff, which should be long enough to reach the fish without your falling out of the boat. Don't forget to keep it sharp!

The important thing to remember when fishing with the light stuff is to keep a light drag. There is no excuse for losing a fish to a tight drag. It will take a long time to work a big fish to the boat on light tackle, but as long as steady pressure is kept on the fish there is little chance of it throwing the plug. Don't try to horse the fish in. If the fish should make a jump, as they often do on light tackle, then lower the tip of the rod in the direction of the fish. The premiss behind this practice is that a fish may fall back on a taut line and snap it.

I have found that filing off the barbs on the trebles is very helpful in unhooking the fish and releasing them unharmed, and also as a safety factor. Many are the fishermen hospitalized with trebles in various parts of their bodies. A few flips and the barbless trebles come out easily. I have found no significance in the amount of fish lost because of the barbless hooks; as long as a tight line is kept, there is little chance of the fish coming off.

There is nothing as exciting as hooking and landing big fish on light tackle. The catches will be lean when compared to those who catch fish using heavy tackle, but the name of the game is sport. You can do no better than light tackling blues. With a little bit of common sense, and patience, you can enjoy the thrills of a lifetime and give the fish a better than even chance when you use light tackle.

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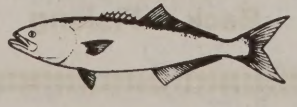

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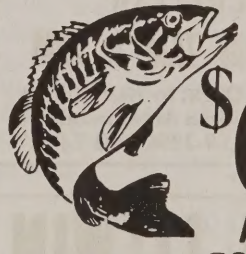
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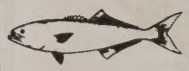

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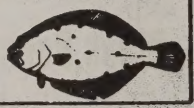

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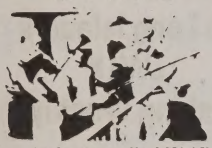

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South Shore Report

Members of the Crow Anglers Fishing Club with some of the 59 bluefish, 12-15 lbs., they took aboard Capt. Dick Vigilant's Triton II out of Montauk.

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Paul J. Keeler of the Anchor Marina has been fishing off the Point and between Shagwong Reef and the Submarine Buoy. Up to 400 feet of wire line and an umbrella rig has been necessary to catch the big blues up to 20 lbs. Offshore a blue marlin was sighted but it did not take the hook. Schools of tuna are chasing large foot and a half long Boston mackerel but you can't seem to hold them in the area too long. These school tuna are at the "Dragger Grounds," approximately 12 to 15 miles out on a heading varying from 160 to 185 degrees. Capt. Keeler also reported loads of white marlin.

Capt. Paul Forsberg of the Viking Starlite is still fishing the Cox's Ledge area, which has proven to be one of the most productive codfishing places this summer. The excellent weather combined with the abundant catches has made this past week a very pleasurable one.

The Hel-Cat Fleet has been having such a productive week of catching bluefish at the Race that Capt. Glas has put the Helen II to work at the Race also. The Helen II will resume its regular schedule this week. Capt. Glas is pleased that the people are reading his article on "Bluefishing at the Race." He says that the fish are getting more abundant and also larger. He added that "the Race is the place."

Capt. Vigilant of the Triton II has been bait fishing the Cartwright Grounds and has been coming in with bluefish of about 16 to 20 lbs. He has been getting large bluefish regularly and there are more to come.

A lot of bluefish are at the Midway Buoy at Endavour Shoals, said Capt. Pike of the Leatherneck. The blues are both up and down. When they are down, wire line in amounts from 100 to 200 feet is necessary. There are also giant tuna as well as school tuna south of the Point about 10 miles or so. Capt. Pike said that there are plenty of sharks available, particularly makos. Also, just at the edge of the Hudson Canyon there are some wahoo and dolphin.

Capt. Les Behan of the Peconic Queen II said the Cox's Ledge fishing has slowed because the water has been so calm that it is almost impossible to drift. Even so, a Long Island man, Herb Phillips of Lynbrook, had a 52 lb. codfish. In order to produce a better catch for his fares, Les has switched to wreck fishing, one of which is the Suffolk Wreck. An example of what is there is the 53 lb. codfish caught by John A. Williams of East Elmhurst.

Big fluke and porgies are "great," reports from Lake Montauk Marina say. Hickey Sliffer and two friends had 180 lbs. of fluke on Sunday. All fish were in the 4 lb. plus category, with the three largest fish weighing in at 11½, 12 and 14 lbs. respectively. The fluke are just off the beaches at Ditch Plains by the trailer park. Porgies are being taken at Great Eastern by anchoring and chumming with bunker. Al and Vera Kastka fished Friday, Saturday and Sunday and scored with 800 lbs. of large to jumbo porgies.

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Art Brand of the Promised Land Fishing Station reports there are plenty of porgies out there and they are running from ¾ to 1¼ lbs. The snappers are also plentiful. The bottom fishermen are catching an occasional sea bass or some blowfish. The bluefish are moving in and out at Cartwright and you must be there at the right time in order to catch them.

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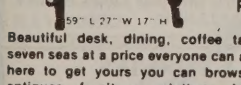

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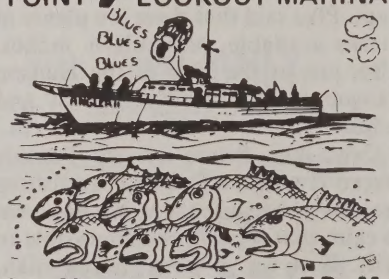

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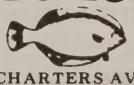
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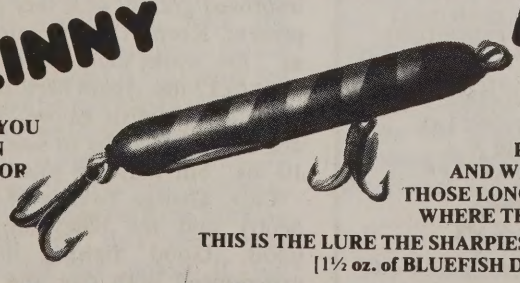
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Helen Jacobson of the Noyac Marina called to tell us about Russ Brown, the excellent weakfisherman who is ill. Everyone says get well quick. The fishing report is that the weakfishing is very good, especially at the Monastery. There has been a good steady pick of these fish with no great catches reported, however, some anglers are coming in with up to 20 weaks to 4 lbs. Porgies are available, too. Helen said that she has plenty of squid. Just to prove that the Monastery is not the only place for weaks, the Melvin Dixon family of Elmsford, N.Y., fishing the open water between Buoys #16 and 17, caught a load of weaks as well as kingfish. They also caught loads of porgies and snappers.

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Capt. Clark Bellows, Jr. aboard the Capt. Clark I did it again. On Wednesday he had 375 weakfish and over 500 porgies for his 32 fares. This good fishing held up over the weekend. His father, Capt. Clark Bellows, Sr., aboard the Capt. Clark II has been fishing one of his wrecks out east and has enjoyed fantastic results. On Saturday he had over 1000 porgies for his 48 fares.

HAMPTON BAYS

Bradley's Fishing Station reported the fluke fishing is still very good in the inlet and these fish are running about 2 or 3 pounds. The weakfishing in the Peconics outside the canal is coming back. The weaks that are caught are running from 1 to 4 lbs. Snapper fishing is good and porgies are plentiful.

MORICHES

Capt. Ron Schlueter of the Alma has been drifting the mouth of the Moriches Inlet lately and the fluke fishing there has been fair. The fluke are running 2 to 3 lbs. and five to six fish per man is the average. The Alma is switching over to bay fishing next week as it seems that there is more action there.

Nancy Skidmore of Skidmore's Fishing Station said the fluke fishing is still holding up well. There are a lot of fluke and anglers are averaging anywhere from 5 to 20 a boat. Remsenberg Yacht Club and Buoy #43 is providing kingfish, porgies and some flounder. Buoy #42 has been producing weakfish on the Johnson Sprite and the shrimp lures. Bluefish are being caught outside at the Three Mile Buoy on tube lures. Nancy said some of these blues went to 14 lbs.

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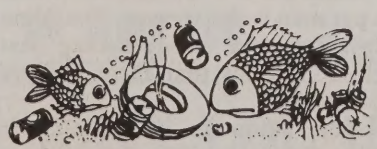
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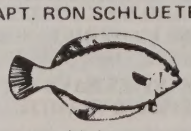
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MASTIC BEACH

Plenty of fluke are being taken around Buoy 26, reports Keenan's Fishing Station. Rental boats are averaging 15-20 fish in the 2-4 lb. range. Weakfish of 2-3 lbs. are also being picked with a hi-lo rig with squid strips—top for weaks, bottom for fluke.

WEST SAYVILLE

Vito Intini of the South Bay Fishing Station reported that Robert Tartaglia of Islip Terrace was fishing off the Browns River Jetty with Frank Fazio and they caught two dozen weaks, a dozen kings and a dozen fluke. Nice big crabs can be found off the LaSalle Academy, with the average catch being about a ½ bushel. Snappers, along with the crabs are best, according to Vito, at the Connetquot River. Fluke, weaks and kings are best about one mile south of the Brown's River Jetty.

CAPTREE

Variety was the thing with the bluefishing this past week, reports Capt. Arnold Hubert of the Speedy V. Catches of tuna, albacore and bonito were made along with the bluefish catches. On Friday five tuna from 15 to 25 lbs. were taken. Every trip also produced loads of blues up to 12-15 lbs. The Three Sisters area seemed to be the most productive. Capt. Hubert said that every boat present in this area caught fish. If they didn't get them early, they had them later.

Fluke fishing during the week was very good for the Capt. Swanson II. The weekend was just as good considering the amount of boat traffic which restricts a boat from drifting properly. The shorts have diminished to the point where they are negligible while the keepers are running up to 5 or 7 lbs.

Mrs. Litwin reports anglers are loading up on bluefish aboard the Capt. Litwin on their night bluefishing trips. The daytime fluke fishing has improved greatly with very few shorts present. Keepers are running as high as 7 lbs. while some of the pool fish went to 12 lbs. Again Mrs. Litwin said there are bluefish galore. These fish are not tremendous in size, only 7 to 10 lbs., but they are plentiful.

Capt. George Tweedy of the Capt. Scotty said the bluefishing is very good. Good fishing has been experienced both day and night. A surprise catch of a 175 lb. mako was made by one of Capt. Tweedy's fares.

George said the mako circled the boat about five times and the expert line handling by his mate prevented massive tangles and also enabled the angler to boat his catch. On Friday the bluefishing was a little slow and this was possibly due to skipjack which came into the slick and spooked the blues. Tuna taken during the week went to 20 lbs. while the blues went from 7 to 12 lbs.

BABYLON

Good codfishing at the Argon Wreck is the report from Augie's Bait & Tackle. Fish were weighed in at Augie's going 39, 43 and 50 lbs. The Babylon Tuna Club ran an inner-club contest over the weekend that saw Fred Kamerer of the "Small Fry" boat an 83 lb. white marlin. Fred fished in 180 feet of water south of Shinnecock. Arthur Orlando boated a 720 lb. tiger shark but arrived back at the dock 10 minutes past the deadline. Locally, there are plenty of fluke coming out of Fox Creek and East West Channel. Snappers and crabs remain excellent all over.

Walter Schmidt of the Babylon Fishing Station reports that fluke are very good in Snake Hill Channel and by the lighthouse. Weakfish and kingfish are being taken all over. There are plenty of blue claws being taken around the bridges at night.

"Weakfish are back," reports Charlie's Fishing Station. There are plenty of weaks coming out of East West Channel and Bergen Point. Blue claws are all over the flats. Snappers are excellent all over the bay and are very large—10-12" average. There are plenty of fluke but a lot of shorts in the State Channel, Fox Creek and East West Channel.

LINDENHURST

Capt. Frank Bryant of the Moby D has been having a great week of bluefishing. Each day has been a bonanza day for fishing. Even though he has had a successful week fishing, Capt. Frank (a hard working man, as are all of the other captains) would like a little cooperation from the private boatmen. He suggests that if you would approach his boat from the bow, he would be more than willing to let you fish in his slick. Once a slick is broken it is sometimes difficult to reestablish. So, to all private boatmen, remember that these men are working for a living and that most boat captains would not object if you would only ask. This would benefit everyone.

AMITYVILLE

George Combs Bait & Tackle reports fluking is best using large spearing and live killies and this fishing is at its best at Gilgo Heading, Fort Neck and New Point. The fluke are getting bigger all the time, too. Best bassing is on live eels at night in the State Channel. There are good bass outside on the Roda Wreck off Gilgo. Crabbing is good on the flats at night. Snapper fishing is very good. Weakfish can be taken from some South Shore beaches. George advises that all types of bait are in short supply all over the Island due to various causes: weather, plants shut down, Japanese squid-for-food purchases, etc.

SEAFORD

Naomi Inn Fishing Station reported a 12½ lb. fluke was taken on Saturday by Frank Stein (Mickey Maken at the helm) at Swift Creek on smelt during an incoming tide. Fluke are holding up and crabbing is good. Try the mouth of Zach's Bay for weaks and Squaw Island for fluke. Snapper fishing is great all over.

Pop's Fishing Station reports there is good fluking available. Snappers are plentiful and flounders are available for the searchers.

Mike's Fishing Station reports his customers are coming in with good catches of crabs and fluke.

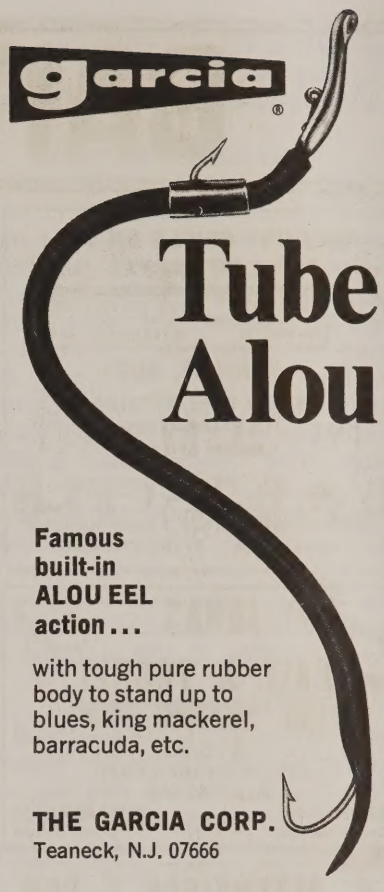
Capt. Eddie's Fishing Station reports the heat must be getting to the fish. Snappers are being taken on fluke hooks. Fluke are on top. A 4¼ lb. blue was snagged with a flounder hook. A flurry of blowfish showed mid-week, then vanished. There is good crabbing at the bulkhead. Fluke fishing is holding up. Marty mentioned the bait scarcity, which was duely noted all over late in this summer of 1973.

WANTAGH

Frank Hecker of Causeway Bait & Tackle says there are reliable reports of stripers off the South shore beaches. One spot in particular is West End, where stripers are being taken on sandworms and clam. Fluking is fair and the snapper fishing is very good. Weaks are available in Zach's Bay. Crabbing is good and will get a lot better once fall hits.

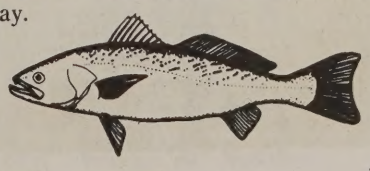
MERRICK

The Whaleneck Marina reports that Jack Saloway ran into immense schools of weaks off Long Beach.



There were big schools of big fish and Jack only got four, taken on artificial shrimp. There is a lot of bait in the area. Fluke fishing is holding up and these fish are now of good size. They are mostly keepers. Some crabs are available but not too many. Snappers are all over Merrick Bay and they are averaging 6-7 inches. Thousands of weaks up to 6 lbs. are on top about one mile off Jones Inlet. They seem to be full and they are ignoring cast and trolled lures. Small blues are mixed in with these weaks. The weaks are moving from east to west. Conservation officers are all over the bay. They are after the 2-legged oinkers keeping short fish.

Jimmy at Nick's Fishing Station reports there are lots of fluke at Rowboat Alley and just off the dock. Ned's Creek and Broad Creek are also hot spots. Snappers and weaks are good bets, too, in Merrick waters. School weaks are in the bay, however, you must locate them first. Most weak catches are made accidently by fluke fishermen. Snappers are all over the bay.



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FREEPORT

Capt. Richie Kessinger of the Star Stream said this past week's bluefishing has been red hot, mostly in the area south of Jones Inlet. Richie said old reliable grounds like Cholera Banks, Angler Banks and the Three Sisters Wreck have produced well. On Saturday Richie found a body of fish approximately two miles southwest of the Jones Inlet Whistler Buoy where 4 to 6 lb. blues were caught continually all day. Richie again returned to the same area on Sunday only to find the area overburdened with fishing boats. After fishing this area Sunday morning he decided to move offshore where he topped off the bags at the Three Sisters Wreck.

Capt. Bill Mieschberger of the Capt. Jack VI has been loading up on nice sized blues during his night trips. Bill reports fishing local hot spots south of Jones Inlet and also off Long Beach. Bill said catches up to 30 fish per man have been common.

Capt. Al Lindroth of the party boat Capt. Al reports outstanding bluefish action this entire past week. Al said most of the action has taken place at Cholera Banks or the Three Sisters area. Al said a substantial number of bonito and skipjacks are being landed as a byproduct of bluefishing. Some tuna are also being landed, as was the case on Friday when the Capt. Al had 6 bluefins on, of which three were landed. Capt. Al said the action on bonito and skipjacks slowed up on the weekend only because they were fishing 2 miles southwest of the Jones Inlet Whistler. However, Al was most pleased to reprt catches of blues ranging as high as 20 to 30 fish per man on Saturday and 10 to 20 fish on Sunday.

On Friday night, Capt. Don Hall who skippers the Capt. Al, described the action as utterly fantastic with some fishermen catching as many as three bags of fish. Don said he found the fish just two miles southwest of the Jones Inlet Whistler Buoy.

POINT LOOKOUT

Capt. Art White of the Angler II said his fishing action this past week was the finest kind. Capt. White said he has been loading up with blues in the area of Cholera Banks, Angler Grounds and the Three Sisters area. Art also reports a goodly number of bonito and skipjack mixed in with the blue catches. A few tuna and albacore are also being caught.

Marilyn Wardle of Ed's Fishing Station said fluke fishing continues good with the best action being found at Buoys 16, 18 and 20. Catches have ranged anywhere from 6 to 30 fish per boat. Some small porgies and bass can also be had at Buoys 16 and 18. Snappers are abundant throughout the bay. Marilyn reports blackfish are beginning to show along the jetties. Marilyn also reports weighing in a catch of 23 bonito, 1 dolphin and a 23 lb. tuna. They were caught aboard the Do-Mi-La by Bob Clark, John Simonelli and Becky Wynn.

ISLAND PARK

John Esposito of the Commodore Fishing Station said species such as snappers, porgies and fluke are quite abundant in Reynolds Channel. Snappers can be caught almost anywhere along the channel, while the porgies seem to favor the east end. John reports the best fluke action is taking place at Buoy 14 which lies east of the Long Beach Bridge. Capt. Clem Esposito who skippers the party boat Commodore reports fishing mostly in the area off Riis Park. Clem said fluke fishing is good and the pool fish usually weighs in at about 6 pounds.

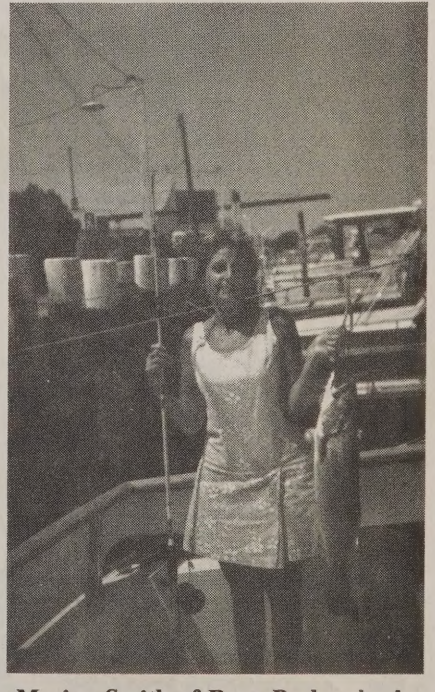
ATLANTIC BEACH

Leon Miller of Henning's Fishing Station reports respectable sized fluke can be caught anywhere along the Rockaway Beach. The reef at Riis Park and also the Warrior Wreck have been yielding nice catches of sea bass and porgies. Some weaks and blues are being trolled off the beaches, although most of these fish are being taken by gill netters. Surf casters are baiting some school bass, while chummers continue to score high marks at the Atlantic Beach Bridge. Harold Schecter of Neponsit, while fishing off his boat Bel'Espre, managed the oddest catch of all. While bluefishing at the H.A. Buoy, he landed a 48¼ lb. wahoo.

JAMAICA BAY

Bob Muir of the Canarsie Pier Fishing Station reports sand porgies are all over Jamaica Bay. Larger porgies and also sea bass and blacks can be caught at the Stone Pier. Fluke fishing is good at Buoy 26 and the Compass Buoy. Snappers are plentiful off the pier and Bob said the kids are having a ball.

Bill Noehren of Noehren's Bait & Tackle said sand porgies are plentiful



Marion Smith of Rego Park, who is blind, poses with her 10 lb. weakfish which she took off Jones Beach Tower from her 31' Hatteras.

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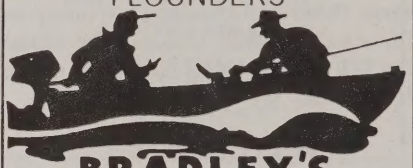

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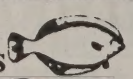

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SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Capt. Rocky Becker of the Tampa VI said he has been loading up with big blues this entire week. Rocky reports finding most of his action in the area of Cholera Banks and also the Three Sisters. Rocky said night fishing is also a slaughter in this same area, as was the case on Saturday night when the Tampa returned with over 1200 big blues.

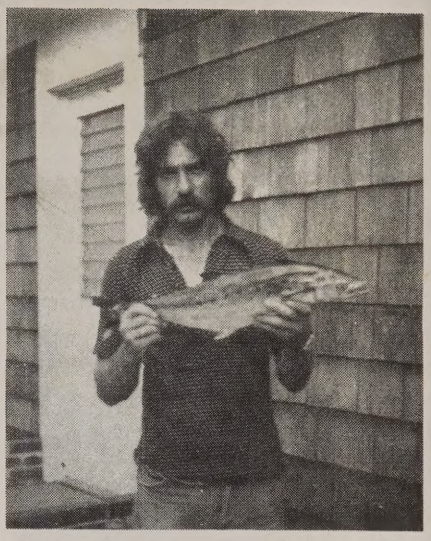
Capt. Jim Ardolino of the Amberjack IV reports excellent fishing this past week. Capt. Jim said the fish can be caught at Seabright, N.J. or in the area of Cholera or the Three Sisters with equal success. On Saturday he fished the New Jersey shore for an excellent catch of blues. On Saturday night Capt. Fred loaded up on blues in the area of Cholera. The Amberjack returned to this area on Sunday for another outstanding catch. For those interested in offshore fishing, Capt. Ardolino said the Amberjack IV will be making a two day trip for giant cod and pollack to Nantucket, departing 5:00 P.M., Sept. 10. Reservations are necessary.

Harold Anderson of the Bay End Dock Rowboat Station said fluke fishing is good at Louie's Pier. Small sand porgies are plentiful at Buoy #6. Pilotfish can be caught almost anywhere. For the fisherman in search of larger porgies, Tin Can Grounds is the place to be. Harold reports blues can be jigged and trolled on tubes at the Tin Cans, with the best fishing being in the early A.M. and late in the afternoon.

Joe Lauro of the Stella Maris Fishing Station said private boats have been doing well with school tuna in the area of the B.A. Buoy. Joe reports a decline in the striper action. Porgies are plentiful in the area of the Tin Can Grounds. Weakfish are being caught in Beach Channel on the Rockaway side. The hot spot for fluke has been Buoy #4.

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny Killoran of Santo's Sport Shop said beach fishermen are having a ball catching spots. Lenny said they



Richard Grobarcik holds up a Spanish mackerel, a stranger to Long Island waters. The 5 lb. 2 oz. fish was taken in 90' of water out of Gerritson Beach.

can be caught from almost any beach and are so abundant that if you fish with five hooks, chances are you will catch them five at a time. Great Kills Park continues to yield good snappers up to 12 inches. A few kingfish are also beginning to show up. Fluke fishermen are catching nice sized fluke, again in the Great Kills Park area. Bass fishermen working South Beach are landing a few schoolies on worms. For boat fishermen interested in stripers, the hot spots have been Hoffman and Swinbern Islands, Buoy 15A and also Westbank Light. Jigging and trolling have been the methods. Lenny said 2 to 6 lb. weaks can be caught on worms at Annadale. Some weaks have also responded to green Bingle Bannana lures. Trollers can pick up a few blues trolling tubes at Annadale and Princess Bay.

SANDY HOOK

Joe Julian of Julian Bait Co. reports loads of blues being chummed and trolled off Shrewsbury Rocks. Joe said drifters are landing big fluke on the rocks off Long Branch. Pier fishermen continue to catch weaks at Leonardo. For the kids the Shrewsbury River is alive with snappers.

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North Shore Report

GREENPORT

Art White of the A.P. White Bait Shop reported that the Wilhelric is experiencing fantastic porgy fishing. The Green Hills area of Gardiner's Island is the best spot. In the rip further offshore there is good bluefishing. The Plum Gut area is a bluefishing heaven, with the fish taking bait, jigs and even trolled lures. The Long Island Sound is producing stripers for the casters and the trollers. Southold has been very productive, particularly along the Hashamomuck Beach. (Check the U.S.C.G. & S chart #363 and note the bottom condition.) This striper action continues along the shore all the way to Orient. The stripers are running a bit larger, about 15 lbs. or so. An angler known as Capt. Don trolled a 30 and a 42 lb. bass last week. Porgy fishing is still good in the bay and blackfishing is fair. Weakfishing has slowed due to the abundance of bluefish.

SOUTHOLD

Mary Morris of the Southold Fishing Station said the fishing remains the same: plenty of porgies and some weakfish. There are some bluefish being caught off of Jessups Neck.

Would you believe a 4 lb. 1 oz. porgy? Well, Elisa Lieblein of the Port of Egypt Fishing Station told me about it. It was about 12 inches long and a six year old girl, Gale Williams of Brooklyn, caught it at the South Ferry area. Gale and her party also had about 250 sand porgies. The porgies are also at Buoy 17. The weakfish are spotty, with the Brickyard or the Monastery in Noyac Bay being about the best. Bluefish can be found at Plum Gut and off Gull Island. Elisa said the bluefish will take just about anything, however, rigged bunker and butterfish does better and is more dependable. No fluke have come in and the blackfishing is just barely fair. This weekend the Orient Station will be open again.

NEW SUFFOLK

Sal Loria of Capt. Marty's Fishing Station reports there are plenty of porgies all the way from Buoys #23 to #28. They are taking worms and clams. Weakfish up to 3½ lbs. are at Nassau Point and Rose's Grove. The weakies are taking worms and squid. In the rip in the South Race trollers are picking up some bluefish to 14 lbs.

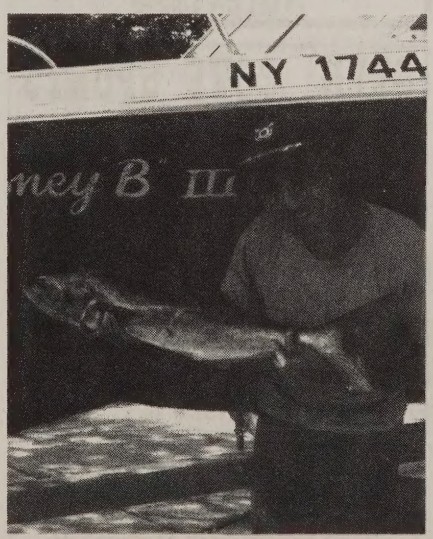
MOUNT SINAI

Bill at Ralph's Fishing Station said the bluefishing is picking up now and getting stronger. Trolling with wire line at the Middle Grounds is the usual procedure. Striper trolling along the grass in the harbor with a June Bug spinner and a worm is good. Porgy fishing is still good and these fish are running about ¾ to 1½ lbs.

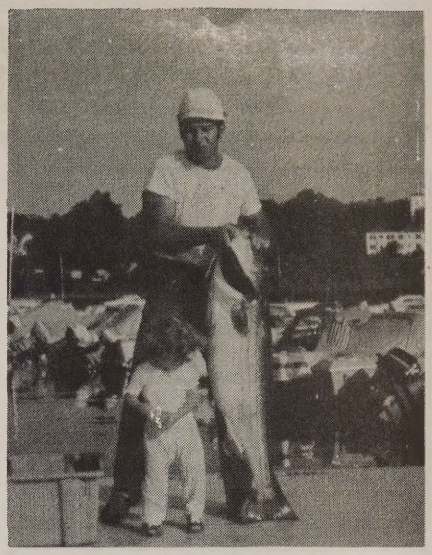
Dick's Sporting Goods reported that there are snappers all over the harbor and Dick said he has plenty of bait for them. Small stripers are in the harbor and they are running about 3 to 5 lbs. They can be found back by the eel grass. A few fluke are also in the harbor, however, most of them are shorts. A few big fluke of 5 to 7 lbs. are being caught. Squid is the best bait for the fluke. Bluefishing has been up and down. Wire lining at the Middle Grounds is best.

PORT JEFFERSON

Blues aplenty for Capt. John Fischer of the Betty W. John has been fishing the Smithtown Bay area. On Wednesday John had some N.Y. City policemen aboard for a charter and they had over 50 bluefish up to 10 lbs. Thursday evening was also very good. On Sunday the charter was the Rambling Anglers of New Hyde Park and they had 70 bluefish for eight men. The pool fish weighed 12 lbs. Capt. Fischer's 12 year old son, Jeff,



Stan Weiner holds a 12 lb. blue, one of 12 fish he trolled on a red surgical tube in 100 ft. of water due north of Kings Park.



Paul Barbis of Mamaroneck hefts the 50 lb. bass he took on a Rebel on 15 lb. test line as his daughter looks on.

who helps mate for his father, caught a 13 lb. bluefish but, of course, he wasn't in the pool. Capt. Fischer says that the bluefishing has been a day to day thing and also that chum has been at a fantastic premium, however, he has enough to last out the season.

The Jib III sailed during the week and rested for the weekend. Capt. Bill Littlefield has been bottom fishing for porgies and he has had plenty of them. Crane's Neck, Old Field Point and Mount Misery Shoals have been very good. The Middle Grounds have been producing the bigger porgies, and on occasion, fluke of 2 or 3 pounds. This is the first year in over five years that fluke have been picked up and this kind of fishing looks promising.

Pete at Plaza Sports said the blues are throughout the area, with their preference being a trolled red surgical tube on a wire line. Blackfish are in at Cedar Beach and they are running up to 9 lbs. The blacks prefer worms as bait. Out at Wading River a striped bass of 30 lbs. was trolled on wire line. Pete told me about an unusual method of rigging surgical tubes which is difficult to describe, so go see him. This rig produced a lot of striped bass and many more blues which the fishermen didn't bother with.

SMITHTOWN

Don Long at the Beacon reported anglers are catching blackfish up to 6 lbs. at Crane's Neck. Don suggested using crabs as opposed to worms, unless you want a million porgies as the bait sinks to the bottom. Bluefish

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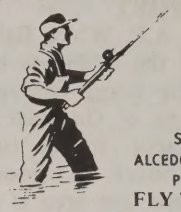

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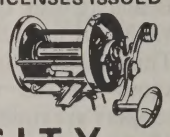

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NORTHPORT

Mark at the Chainlocker reports the snapper and porgy fishing at the dock is nothing short of fantastic. An occasional weakfish (about five or ten per day) is also caught from the dock. These fish weigh up to 5 lbs. Flounder fishing is picking up and they can be found at the north end of the harbor at Scudder Beach. Harbor bluefish activity has been slow.

Ted Bowman of Bowman's Sporting Goods reported that jigging with a 4 oz. Diamond jig or a very heavy Hopkins, along with chumming with Canachum gets the bluefish to come up. Another method is trolling with Hoochy skirts and the red eel tubes. Another thing in favor of the fishermen is the upswing of weakfish in the bay at the point of Centerport and Northport Harbors as well as Prices Bend and Sand City. Ted said that the weaks seem to be back on shrimp, so try the shrimp lure.

HUNTINGTON

There is a bluefish bonanza off Eaton's Neck between Buoys #11B and #13, said George Valentine of the Four Winds Tackle Shop. The blues are hitting everything from lures to bait. Jigging, trolling and butterfish and mackerel fishing is producing some catches of 80 fish up to 10 lbs. The weakfishing at Duck Island has picked up on both lures and bait. Clam chumming is once again bringing in striped bass of about 5 to 10 lbs. at Eaton's Neck.

Capt. Don Constantin of the Ever Ready Fleet reports that his bottom fishing trips are producing plenty of porgies and some flounder and blackfish for his fares.

COLD SPRING HARBOR

Milt Powles of Veterans Fishing Station said the bluefish are plentiful at the area where Cold Spring Harbor meets the Sound. Striped bass trollers working the shore along the east side of the harbor with worms and spinners are doing well. A million and one porgies can be found throughout the harbor. Snappers, although still small, are providing great fishing for the kids or for anyone else that wants to have fun.

FLUSHING BAY

The Skyline Marina reports the bluefish are taking trolled black surgical tubes best, however, the clear and the red tubes are also getting them. Fresh bunker is available for those who want to catch them and use them for bluefishing. Rudy said this is the best way to get the bluefish. Porgy fishing at the Huntington area is very good.

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CITY ISLAND

Ed at Rosenberger's Boat House says the Stepping Stone area is producing bluefish on both bunker bait and trolled black surgical tubes. Porgies are all over and snappers are very prolific but are on the small side. Some crab catches have been reported but Ed said that he has seen none. Striped bass fishing with a trolled worm on a June Bug or a Cape Cod spinner is bringing in small bass. Try Sand's Point or Hart's Island for these bass.

Jack's Bait & Tackle also reports through Jerry that the bait fishing for blues at the Stepping Stones is one of the best so far. Jerry said there is plenty of bait available for this fishing. Snappers are all over but they are small. Crabs were reported at both the bridges as well as the Larchmont breakwater but Jerry said he hasn't seen them.

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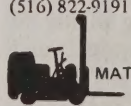

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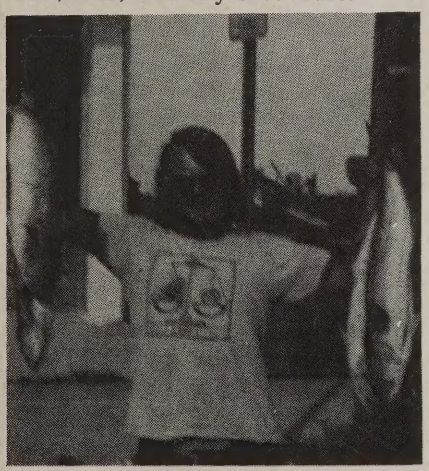
MILFORD

Vin Ciulla at the Sportsman's Rendezvous said it best. "Old people, young people, everywhere along the shores and in the boats, I've never seen so many people getting so much fun out of fishing." It's a good year, with the mixed bag everywhere. Vin told of his son, Chris, who had just returned from the Sound with a quartet of choppers in the 6 lb. class. He told of a big run on fresh water licenses, with anglers needing them to reap the bluefish harvest above the demarcation line, all the way up to the gravel pit. Fluke were hitting near Buoy 12 by Point Beach, and schoolie bass are thick in the Milford area, with the Rapala the hot lure.

NEW HAVEN

Blues have entered the Quinnipiac River, with anglers going wild on poppers there. The Thomaston River is also paying off for bait fishermen, and surface popping specialists. Walt Janeczek at Outdoor Sports adds that porgies are averaging hundreds per person. Stripers are still hitting sandworms in the Morningside area, all school size. Snappers are measuring 7 and 8 inches. They are available anywhere by any method, including bait, flies, and any silver lure.



PSYCHOSQUID CONTEST WINNER

Richard Nagle of Wildwood, N.J. caught these four blues on Seven-strand Psychosquid while fishing off the Top Drawer II from Roseman's Marina in Cape May. The fish ranged in weight from 11 lbs. to 14 lbs. Rich will receive a $25. bag of Psychosquid.

WATERFORD

Hillyer's Bait & Tackle reports good fishing for blues and stripers. Bunkies and whiting are great at the Race, but there's bonus topwater angling at sunrise every morning. Fish average 10 to 12 lbs. Porgies are tops on the bottom, with a few blacks also showing. Lots of school bass along the shore, with bucktails producing best.

At Capt. John's, a few tuna have come in as well as bonito, however, blues are the big show, with great fishing throughout the area. Bass have slowed a bit, and it's porgies on the bottom.

STRATFORD

Mrs. Fordham at Housatonic Marina reports customers there loading up on bluefish upriver, and bigger fish on the outside. Bass are mixed in on occasion, too. Snappers are thick in the Stratford area. The beach areas are all producing porgies, and a few fluke are still showing up.

STONINGTON

Freddy's Boat Livery here reports continued good fishing, with a 59 lb. 12 oz. bass weighed in by Dick Brown from Noank. The fish was caught off Watch Hill Reef on bunker. Blues are everywhere, in the harbors and off the breakwaters, as well as the Race. Snappers have more than made up for an expected decline in flounder.

MYSTIC

At Schaefer's Boat Livery, porgies, fluke, stripers and bluefish all headline the area. Flounder are holding surprisingly well, and adding to the porgy fishing. Harbor blues are available in Fisher's Island Sound.

MERIDEN

Mark at the Float n' Sinker reports strong bluefishing at the Race, snappers thick in the Thames, and Watch Hill producing great bass fishing for those 30-plus pound trophies on bunker.

BRIDGEPORT

Alex Bish at Cedar Creek Marina reports steady bluefishing in front of the Marina, with all-day blues in the 6 lb. class. While it's mostly bunker fishing, the sinking Rebel is also working well for trollers. Porgies are thick around Sunken Island and around the "Stakes" area.

Ted Ferrante at Ted's Bait & Tackle reported lots of blues off Penfield Reef, with Seaside also producing. The Towers at Pleasure Beach are beginning to open up for trollers. While porgies have dropped off a bit, snappers are especially good in the Ash Creek area.

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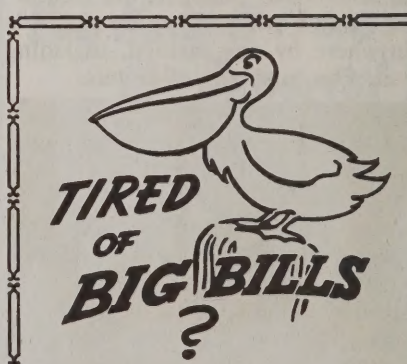

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At the Sportsman's Den, Stowie had a big bass to report. The fish weighed in at 41 lbs. and was taken at Cockenoe Island down in Westport waters. The angler, Richard Yanzo, a Bridgeporter, also used a live bunker (must have a hidden stash someplace) to make the catch. Snappers are hitting well, and big blues are all along the Bridgeport shore.

GREENWICH

Skipper John Minnitti, of the Delmar, party boat out of Greenwich, reports good bottom fishing, with good-sized porgies on the Connecticut side. An occasional weakfish still shows up, as well as a blackfish or two. Flounder, too, are on a slow upswing, building towards the fall run.

At the Sportsman's Den good bluefishing is reported around 32A, the Racing Buoy, with eels, Troll Kings, Ragmops and many other lures paying off. Top water chopper angling has been slow and spotty. Bass have slowed considerably. Porgies and sea robins line the bottom.

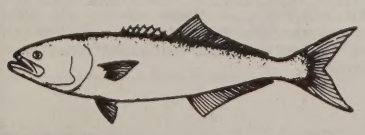
WESTPORT

Ed Boland at the Westport Tackle Shop is telling of blues every early A.M. at Black Rock Harbor, with top water action great. It's early morning surface fishing, too, at Burial Hill Beach and Bedford's Point in Westport. Daytime fishing at Sunken Island has been spotty, with the blues up and down before we can move in. Buoys 1 and 24 in Westport have also tapered off in production. Porgies are hitting well off Cockenoe, and bass, well, they'll be coming along before we know it.

STAMFORD

A pair of 48 lb. bass were weighed in at Jack's Sporting Goods in Stamford. The anglers who caught the bass were Dennis and Claude Cyr, and refreshingly, the fish were taken on bucktails. Jack tells us blues are still being wire-lined successfully at 11B and 24C, and Buoy 32 off Stamford. Mike Boda also scored on four big linesiders in the 40 lb. class, using eels for bait. Then there was Mike's 150 lb. blue shark which also hit a live eel in Darien. Porgies and crabs are thick in Cove Pond.

Chris Chirillo at Pat's Marina also receives a few bluefish reports from Stamford waters. Blackfish are beginning to join the porgies on the bottom, and weakfish are being caught at Grass Island. Porgies themselves are coming in by the bushel and the best fishing is barely past the breakwater.



NORWALK

Gloria Borges at the Tackle Box reports snappers hitting like crazy, and lots of tailor blues outside the Norwalk Islands. Bass are slow at the moment as they are throughout the area.

Rick Mola at Mola Bros. Bait & Tackle tells of some good bluefishing with mackerel chunks outside Sheffield Island. Rick himself has fought reel-stripping fish on two occasions in the past few days, and credits the adventures to sharks, and big ones.

Hoppy Coombis of the South Norwalk Boat Club called to report a new bluefish contest leader. Topper Foriet weighed in a bluefish scaling 18 lbs. 13 ozs. last weekend. The blue took a mackerel bait. That's a topper for Topper!

MAMARONECK

Fred Archer at Mamaroneck Fishing Station reports a pickup in bluefishing in waters here, however, Fred is looking for more improvement. Most of the fish are scaling 7 and 8 lbs., and credit for many catches goes to the Cooper Eel trolled on wire. Fred also reported snappers and porgies as the real wealth of fish here, with plenty for everyone willing to wet a line.

NEW ROCHELLE

At Cameron's Fishing Station, Freddy told of surfacing blues near the tower outside Fort Slocum and around Glen Island Casino. One pair of porgy fishing anglers, using small hooks and bait, came in with a trio of bluefish scaling better than 13 lbs. each. Bass are slow, but snappers are available.

OLD SAYBROOK

Russ Fleet writes from the Connecticut River Striped Bass Club. Fishing improves every day in Rhode Island waters, and it's already good. Weakfish are showing in the surf, and hitting bucktails. Blues are showing in the breachways (Charlestown), and at Watch Hill. In the Saybrook-Westbrook-Clinton area, Joe Salonia took a 32 lb. bass and weighed it in at Wetmore's Marina. The Gibbs popper was the winning plug for Joe, as well as for son, Mark, who also boated a 19 pounder the same day. Six Mile Reef and the SW Reef are producing blues to 14 lbs. Porgies and blacks are sharing the bottom fishing honors.

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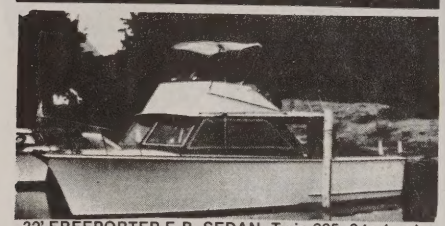

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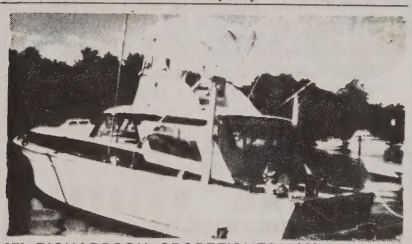

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Bill at Henjo Dock reported excellent snapper bluefishing, with spearing and sandworms as bait. Casters can have a ball, Bill says, using tiny silver lures worked in a chum slick. Crabbing has been good to excellent and the blue claws are at their largest. After the heat wave, Bill predicts an increase in crabbing activity. Fluke fishing has slowed slightly but the fish being caught now are much larger. A few weakfish are spicing up the catches.

SEABRIGHT

"Lots of weakfish," according to Armand at Giglio's Bait & Tackle. The best fishing for them has been at night using sandworms. Stripers are also obliging in the surf. Jim Ciambrone had a nice 20 pounder and Jim Tremper was close behind with a 16 pounder; both caught on sandworms. Fluke action has been spotty. Best catches are coming from the Long Branch area. Snapper blues are plentiful in the river and in the ocean. Everyone is scoring with spearing and on silver lures.

LONG BRANCH

Paul at Monmouth Tackle reported steady fishing for small stripers on worms and Red Fins. Snapper blues are plentiful along the jetties and in the river, and reports say that there are some 10 to 12 inches long. Croakers and spot are showing but not in any quantity, although Paul says skin divers have told him of many in the area. Sandworms are the bait. Fluke continue in the Shrewsbury with good catches coming from Buoy 37, 36 and 35 areas.

Matty Sowel at the Long Branch Pier reported fantastic weakfishing every night from sunset to dawn. The largest weighed in was a 7 lb. 9 oz. weak, and high hooks have been getting 8 to 10 each per night. Blues were in two days over the weekend and they went to 9½ lbs. Matty feels the run of weaks especially and the run of blues will be as good or better than last year.

HUDSON RIVER

VERPLANCK

Crabs and snapper blues are plentiful, according to Ace & Charlie's. Small boaters can chum for snappers while the oyster beds can be good for crabs.

OSSINING

Snappers are off Boauvelt Park and Bishops Rock for boaters, while shore bound casters are doing well at Scarborough, Ossining and Crawbuckie.

LOWER HUDSON

Ed Graser at the Outdoorsman Ltd. reported good crabbing all along the Interstate Park and down to Bayonne. Snappers are in, too, and they're hitting the 12 inch mark. Chummers at Spuyten Duyvil hit snappers and a few school bass over the weekend. Ed also had reports of school stripers and one 28 inch bass at the Thomas Henry Dock. Snappers are there, too, taking butterfish, spearing and lures.

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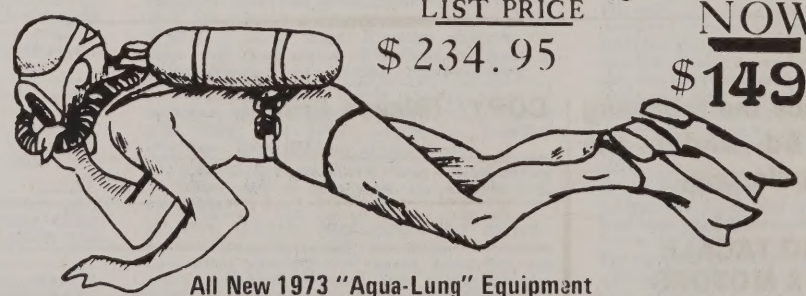

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SOUTH SHORE Long Island

SANDY HOOK STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.	3:13	3:47
Fri.	4:20	4:48
Sat.	5:18	5:43
Sun.	6:12	6:32
Mon.	6:58	7:15
Tues.	7:36	7:54
Wed.	8:13	8:31
Thurs.	8:51	9:09

on SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	−0	50
Shinnecock Bay	+1	25
East Quogue	+2	45
Shinnecock Canal	+1	18
Indian Reservation	+3	05
MORICHES INLET	−0	56
Smith's Point	+3	28
Harts Cove	+1	30
Potunk Point	+3	35
Mastic Beach	+3	28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0	38
(Inlet, Breakwater & Dem. Pt.)	−0	38
Coast Guard Station	−0	19
Fire Island Light	+0	47
GREAT SOUTH BAY		
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3	39
Heckscher State Park	+3	20
Bay Shore	+2	23
Babylon	+2	12
Amityville	+2	21
JONES INLET	+0	19
Loop Parkway Bridge	+0	25
Zachs Bay	+1	25
Seaford Harbor	+2	05
Freeport Creek	+0	34
EAST ROCKAWAY INLET	−0	06
Long Beach Bridge	+0	19
ROCKAWAY INLET	+0	00
Beach Channel (Bridge)	+0	38
JFK Airport	+0	26
STATEN ISLAND	+0	27
MANASQUAN	−0	12

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NEW LONDON STATION

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Fri.	8:08	8:27
Sat.	9:01	9:17
Sun.	9:46	10:02
Mon.	10:28	10:44
Tues.	11:07	11:24
Wed.	11:45	
Thurs.	12:01	12:21

on NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0	27
Connecticut River	+1	10
Little Gull Island (Race)	+0	12
Greenport	+1	04
Southold	+1	43
New Suffolk	+2	26
South Jamesport	+2	32
Shinnecock Canal	+2	33
Noyack Bay	+2	05
Sag Harbor	+0	59
Gardiners Bay	+0	21
Promised Land (Napeague)	−0	14
Fort Pond Bay	−0	29
Montauk Inlet	−0	25
Montauk Point	−1	13

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour and a half or two hours thereafter, and are in black face type. The minor periods are somewhat shorter in duration.

	A.M.		P.M.	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	12:20	**7:00**	12:50	**7:20**
Fri.	1:10	**7:45**	1:35	**8:05**
Sat.	1:55	**8:25**	2:20	**8:50**
Sun.	2:35	**9:10**	3:05	**9:30**
Mon.	3:20	**9:50**	3:45	**10:10**
Tues.	4:00	**10:30**	4:25	**10:55**
Wed.	4:40	**11:10**	5:10	**11:35**
Thurs.	5:20	**11:55**	5:50	

WESTERN Long Island Sound

Long Island Sound
WILLETS POINT STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.	7:50	8:04
Fri.	8:50	9:05
Sat.	9:39	9:54
Sun.	10:20	10:29
Mon.	10:53	11:01
Tues.	11:17	11:25
Wed.	11:38	11:53
Thurs.		12:11

on WILLETS POINT

Little Neck Bay	−0	10
Execution Light	−0	06
Manhasset Bay	−0	01
Hempstead Harbor	−0	11
City Island	−0	03
Rye Beach	−0	28

Long Island SOUND

Long Island Sound
BRIDGEPORT STATION

DAY	AM	PM
Thurs.	5:35	5:51
Fri.	6:29	6:39
Sat.	7:15	7:26
Sun.	7:55	8:05
Mon.	8:32	8:45
Tues.	9:06	9:22
Wed.	9:42	10:03
Thurs.	10:18	10:40

on BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0	08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0	08
Bayville Bridge	+0	13
Eatons Neck Point	+0	03
Northport Bay	+0	03
Norwalk Islands	+0	10
Smithtown Bay	−0	03
Cranes Neck Point	+0	05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0	03
New Haven Harbor	−0	08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0	08
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